### DECLARATION OF ADAM MUHAMMAD Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746

- I, Adam Muhammad, have personal knowledge of the facts and matters set forth below. If called as a witness, I could and would testify as follows:
  - 1. My name is Adam Muhammad. I am over the age of 18 and reside in Franklinton, North Carolina.
  - 2. Sometime around 2021, a friend told me about a company called Optimyze Digital, which would set up advertisements for products on my behalf, and I would receive a portion of whatever was sold. I did some research into it and talked to someone at the company named Chino, and I ended up signing a contract with Optimyze.
  - 3. Chino told me that he also worked with a company called Passive Scaling. I spoke with Chino and someone else from Passive Scaling to learn more about the company. I remember being shown a spreadsheet with a graph showing how much money I could make with Passive Scaling, but I don't remember the particular numbers. My understanding was that Passive Scaling would handle all of the purchasing and shipping for my Amazon store.
  - 4. In February 2022, I decided to sign a contract with Passive Scaling for two Amazon stores for \$30,000 total. Attached hereto as **Attachment A** is a true and correct copy of my contract with Passive Scaling.
  - 5. The contract includes a "Non-Disparagement" provision that states:

During this Agreement and for one (1) year thereafter, the Parties mutually agree that any issues or problems that either party has regarding the other with respect to this Agreement, shall be discussed with the other party in a professional and private manner. The Parties hereby mutually agree not to disparage, insult, or fabricate information regarding the other party in any online or offline forum or any other forum whatsoever, including but not limited to social media channels, regardless of whether such

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comments or information would not constitute libel or slander, and regardless of whether such comments could be deemed factually true.

- 6. I paid the \$30,000 to Passive Scaling using a wire transfer. To pay for it, I sold some stocks and cryptocurrency I owned, and I also contributed money I had saved. The contract also required that I pay a "software fee" of \$99 every month "directly to" the software provider. I paid this with a credit card.
- 7. I decided to invest with Passive Scaling because I thought I could make a good amount of money without having to spend a lot of my own time doing it.
- 8. At the beginning of my contract, things seemed to go fine, but around six months or so in, I started having a really hard time getting Passive Scaling to do what it needed to do and what it agreed to do under the contract—to run my stores. Products weren't getting shipped to Amazon or were taking sometimes months to arrive, so they weren't readily available to sell in my stores. Passive Scaling also told me I needed to keep spending thousands of dollars every month on products, even though the products I'd just purchased hadn't sold yet. Passive Scaling also kept changing the manager of my stores.
- 9. Queenie C was the vendor manager of one of my stores. I often texted and emailed her to try to get updates on my store. Usually she acted as the messenger between me and someone else at the company, and it took a long time to get a response and my questions answered. Queenie often had to reach out to another person at the company named Jerdonna for information, and it usually took a long time for Jerdonna to respond. I also repeatedly tried to get information about inventory Passive Scaling had ordered for me that went missing, but I couldn't get a real response. Attached hereto as **Attachment B** is a true and correct copy of screenshots of my text exchange with Queenie from May 17,

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order of the screenshots when I provided them to the FTC.

- 2023, through July 8, 2024. The red numbers on each screenshot are how I preserved the
- 10. I also communicated with a person at Passive Scaling named Jan Marie, who was a manager for one of my stores for a time. She texted me to tell me she was my store's new manager. Attached hereto as **Attachment C** is a true and correct copy of a screenshot of my text exchange with Jan Marie from June 2023.
- 11. I also had issues with some of the inventory that Passive Scaling ordered for my stores. Amazon flagged inventory Passive Scaling had purchased as counterfeit, but Passive Scaling didn't respond to Amazon about it. Amazon also said that my store was selling products that were geographically restricted, and Passive Scaling didn't respond to Amazon. Attached hereto as **Attachment D** is a true and correct copy of these emails.
- 12. Eventually, I had had enough with Passive Scaling's lack of communication and the lengthy amount of time it took to get items sent to my Amazon stores. I started asking about a refund around November 2023. I texted Queenie with my request and questions, and I also sent emails to Passive Scaling trying to get answers. Attached hereto as **Attachment E** is a true and correct copy of two email exchanges I had with Passive Scaling in December 2023.
- 13. Even though I repeatedly emailed and texted to try to get answers, Passive Scaling didn't give them to me. After some effort I was able to locate the phone number for Steven Rozenfeld, Passive Scaling's CEO. On January 16, 2024, I spoke with him about my concerns with Passive Scaling after calling him at the phone number When I asked Steven if he would give me his personal phone number, he refused, saying that my contract was with Passive Scaling, not him. He told me he was running a "new

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entity" where he has "full control over everything." I understood that this new entity was called FBA Machine. I told Steven about the complaint I received from Amazon about counterfeit goods being sold in my store. Steven told me that Passive Scaling wasn't taking any new business and that the person I should talk to is Jerdonna, who he said was "part time" and "like the only one left with the company."

- 14. I did what Steven said and set up a call with Jerdonna. I spoke with her on January 23, 2024, about getting a refund from Passive Scaling. She told me that refunds are "handled by an external legal and finance team" and said I should email legal@passivescaling.com to start the refund process.
- 15. After I got off the call with Jerdonna, I sent a copy of my contract to legal@passivescaling.com, as Jerdonna instructed. I got an email on January 24 saying that I would hear back from legal by January 30, but that didn't happen. I repeatedly followed up with legal@passivescaling.com, trying to get a response. Attached hereto as **Attachment F** is a true and correct copy of an email exchange with legal regarding my refund request.
- 16. I also reached out to Jerdonna and info@passivescaling.com when my emails to legal weren't responded to. Attached hereto as **Attachment G** is a true and correct copy of these email exchanges.
- 17. I finally received a response on March 6, 2024, with a "Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims." Even though Jerdonna previously told me the document had been sent to me, I didn't receive anything. Attached hereto as **Attachment H** is a true and correct copy of the settlement contract Passive Scaling sent me.
- 18. The contract contains a provision called "No Active Lawsuits" that states the following:

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Client understands that in signing this Agreement, Client agrees to discontinue and refrain from initiating any lawsuits related to the Dispute and the Contract within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement. Client further agrees to leave no Bad Reviews (Meaning any post, public writing, message, statement, report or complaint that is derogatory or damages the reputation of Passive and its directors, officers, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, and representatives) against Passive and its directors, officers, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, and representatives. If Client has already left a Bad Review, Client agrees to take it down within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement. Client acknowledges that the failure to meet its obligations under this section shall be deemed a default under this Agreement and Client would waive its rights and entitlement to payment from the Settlement Fund.

- 19. I had some questions about the document, and I was able to speak with Jerdonna on March 7, 2024. When I asked why the document said I would only be receiving a \$15,000 refund—not the \$30,000 I originally paid, she said that what I received was "standard" and that most people get about 50% of what they paid. I asked if I could speak to the legal team, and Jerdonna said she would have to look into it.
- 20. I kept on trying to schedule a meeting with the legal team to discuss my questions about the settlement, but I wasn't able to. At the end of May 2024, Jerdonna finally told me that I had been added to the "payment list" for that week. I never received any payment. Attached hereto as **Attachment I** is a true and correct copy of these email exchanges.
- 21. I finally gave up on getting a refund from Passive Scaling. I was able to sell both of my stores on Facebook, but I still did not recoup my losses. All in all, I estimate that I lost between \$10,000 to \$20,000 after signing up with Passive Scaling. I'm still struggling to pay all of the credit card debt I have from agreeing to work with Passive Scaling, and I know that I'm not the only one who's been affected by what Passive Scaling did.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: Nov, 13
Franklinton, North Carolina , 2024

Adam Muhammad

# Ecommerce consulting contract Amazon (2x) 30k Bundle

Initial Consulting Fee "Store Infrastructure Fee" – this goes directly towards warehousing expenses, full time employees & benefits, consulting expertise, web build & store build, product selection, & initial inventory:

Price \$30,000 ~ Quantity 2 Amazon FBA/Dropship Hybrid Stores~ Total Price \$30,000

Management Fee - \$199 or 35% Minimum management fee of \$199 per month or thirty five percent (35%) of net profit - this fee begins the following month after fulfillment of initial

Price \$199 ~ Monthly \$199 ~ Total Price \$199

Software Fee - Fee paid directly to software provider:

Price \$99 ~ Monthly \$99 ~ Total Price \$99

Minimum Working Capital - \$10,000 This is the minimum requirement of available credit or capital to cover inventory & wholesale price of drop shipped items. Amazon pays every two weeks, and this money covers orders until the scheduled store payout.

Recommended credit available for expedited scaling process is \$15,000.

Total one time fee: \$30,000

This E-Commerce Consulting Agreement ("Agreement"), is dated as of, 8th February 2022, by and between PASSIVE SCALING INC, a New Jersey Corporation company, whose address is 78 John Miller Way, Suite 2111, Kearny NJ 07032 (hereinafter "Consultant"), and , Adam Mojamal (hereinafter "Client").

WHEREAS, Client desires to engage Consultant's services, as an independent contractor, upon the terms and conditions herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, Consultant desires to render consulting services to Client upon the terms and conditions herein set forth; NOW, THEREFORE, Consultant and Client (together, the "Parties"), for \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency are hereby mutually acknowledged, agree to the following terms and conditions whereby Consultant shall consult Client in connection with an e-commerce store on the Amazon FBA platform (the "Store"):CONSULTANT'S SERVICES - Consultant agrees to perform the following services ("Services"): Maintain Client's Store,

frontend back end systems necessary to manage the Store.Review, research, source, select, and list products for the Client's Store.Respond to customers' phone and email inquiries in support of Client's Store and shall exercise good faith efforts to resolve customer inquiries, handle product returns, and manage billing matters.Maintain oversight of Client's Store and its financial performance; however, Consultant shall have no obligation to, and does not intend to, provide financial advice to Client concerning the operation of Client's Store (Client shall confer with its professional financial advisors concerning all financial inquiries).

### CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

Client understands there is a period that will delay the commencement and commercial operations of the Store, including, without limitation, a 1 to 4 month configuration period (and perhaps longer, depending on the circumstances specific to each proposed Store) where Client must complete certain obligations. Until Client satisfies all contractual and legal requirements for the creation and operation of Client's Store, Consultant cannot commence providing the Services as set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement. Within the first eight (8) months of this Agreement, Client will use best efforts to obtain, and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, a credit card issued through a United States federally insured banking institution with a minimum credit limit of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars USD. In no event shall Consultant be responsible for payment of any kind and any other obligation under Client's credit card, all of which credit card obligations shall be solely that of Client. Furthermore, unless Consultant provides written consent: (i) at no time shall Client Pause its Store, allow for a Suspension, or place its Amazon FBA account or Store in Vacation Mode, such terms being defined or referenced on the Amazon FBA website or in other written materials made available to Client; and (ii) Client shall not allow its Store to remain shut down for more than ninety (90) days during the term of this Agreement.(B) Within thirty (30) days from the commencement of this Agreement, Client shall provide Consultant with only necessary information for the purpose of Consultant carrying out its obligations under this Agreement. Client shall use its best efforts to assist Consultant in obtaining all information deemed necessary by Consultant to implement Consultant's Services.COMPENSATION. In consideration for this Agreement, Client shall pay Consultant a one-time consulting fee of thirty thousand two hundred and ninety eight dollars (\$30,298.00) USD (the "Fee"), via wire transfer or ACH to Consultant's bank account within 72 hours of execution of this Agreement. Except as expressly permitted under Section 10, the Fee is non-refundable. Client shall also thereafter, beginning in the month following the month in which the Fee is paid, pay Consultant one hundred ninety nine (\$199.00) USD per month (the "Maintenance Fee"), or thirty five

Case 2:24-cv-06635 JXN-LDW Document 93-1, Filed 11/15/24 Page 9 of 102 PageID: percent (35%) of the Net Profit from Light's Store per month (the Ongoing

Commission"), whichever is greater plus an additional ninety nine dollars (\$99) software fee paid directly to the software provider. Client shall not be responsible for payment of the Ongoing Commission or the Maintenance Fee if, other than E-Commerce Consulting Agreement due to breach of this Agreement by Client, there is no activity in Client's Store for said month (or a portion thereof, where such portion exceeds 15 days). Consultant shall invoice Client monthly, and Client has seventy-two (72) hours to remit payment.TERM - This Agreement shall commence on the last date of execution by both parties and shall continue in effect for a period of one (1) year (the "Initial Term") thereafter. Upon completion of the Initial Term, the Agreement shall automatically extend on a month-to-month basis (the "Option Term") until written notice is provided by either party, to the other party, in accordance with Section 5.TERMINATION - Client may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing written notice to Consultant. Consultant may terminate this Agreement, at any time, for cause, with fourteen (14) days written notice to Client. Consultant may terminate the Option Term, without cause, at any time. For this Section, "cause" shall include, but not be limited to: (1) any act or omission by Client, which interferes with the operation of the Store or Consultant's ability to render Services, in Consultant's sole discretion; or (2) Client's breach or threatened breach of any term in this Agreement. If Client breaches any term under this Agreement, independent of any actions Amazon FBA may take from time to time, Consultant may Pause Client's Store, which, Consultant may only reactivate, in Consultant's sole discretion.NON-DISPARAGEMENT - During this Agreement and for one (1) year thereafter, the Parties mutually agree that any issues or problems that either party has regarding the other with respect to this Agreement, shall be discussed with the other party in a professional and private manner. The Parties hereby mutually agree not to disparage. insult, or fabricate information regarding the other party in any online or offline forum or any other forum whatsoever, including but not limited to social media channels, regardless of whether such comments or information would not constitute libel or slander, and regardless of whether such comments could be deemed factually true.SALES / USE TAX - Consultant does not provide tax reporting or tax management services of any kind. Client is responsible for determining if Client is responsible for collecting and remitting sales or use tax under any applicable state or local law, regulation, or ordinance.INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - Client understands that Client's Store is a service hosted on the Amazon FBA platform and not a distinct or severable product or service that can be ported, removed or installed in or on a different place or platform. Accordingly, Consultant does not hold itself out to have any rights, endorsements, relations, or affiliation with Amazon FBA, or any of Amazon's copyright, trademark, trade dress, trade secret, or any other intellectual property right that Amazon FBA may hold (the "Intellectual Property Rights"). Further, Consultant cannot, and does not, grant

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Store, or Amazon FBA, and Consultant holds no legal or equitable rights in Client's Store.RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES - Client acknowledges that during the Term of this Agreement Client will have access to Consultant's Confidential Information which, if disclosed, could assist in competition against Consultant by third parties. Client recognizes the highly competitive nature of Consultant's business, services, and its trade secrets, and that Consultant conducts its business electronically, through e-commerce, and throughout the United States. Therefore, Client agrees that the following restrictions on Client's activities are necessary to protect the good will, Confidential Information, and other legitimate business interests of Consultant, which restrictions are fair and supported by adequate consideration: shareholders, employees, Non-Competition, agents, the Term members of the Agreement, and for two (2) years following the termination of this Agreement (the "Restricted Period"), Client shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, whether as owner, partner, investor, consultant (paid or unpaid), agent, employee, co-venturer or otherwise, with any business that manages, operates, or promotes e-commerce stores or e-commerce transactions on behalf of third parties anywhere in the United States, regardless of whether Client is physically located within the United States or outside of the United States.Non-Solicitation. During the Restricted Period, Client agrees that it will not, directly, or indirectly through another Person: (i) induce or attempt to induce any employee or contractor of Consultant to leave the employ or contract of Consultant, or in any way interfere with the relationship between Consultant and any of its employees or contractors, or (ii) induce or attempt to induce any customer, supplier, client, distributor, vendor, licensee, or other business relation of Consultant to cease doing business with Consultant, or in any way interfere with Consultant's relationship with any such party.Non-Disclosure. The Parties agree not to use, reveal, make available, nor disclose, whether directly or indirectly, to any third party any Confidential Information for any purpose except as approved in writing by Consultant. Further, the Parties shall (a) not assist nor enable anyone to access or use any of Confidential Information; and (b) not use nor exploit any of the Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever except in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the Party disclosing the Confidential Information shall be referred to as "Disclosing Party," and the Party receiving the Confidential Information shall be referred to as "Receiving Party."Notwithstanding the foregoing, Receiving Party will: 1) promptly notify the Disclosing Party, to the extent legally permissible, if Receiving Party becomes required by court order to disclose any Confidential Information; 2) cooperate with Disclosing Party if Disclosing Party decides to oppose or to seek to restrain such disclosure; and 3) subject to the foregoing, only disclose that information which its counsel advises it is legally compelled to disclose. If at Disclosing Party's request, Receiving Party is unable to obtain a protective order or other injunctive relief above with respect to the

Case 2:24-cy-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 11 of 102 Confidential Information referred in his region and Receiving Party is the reafter required by court order to disclose such Confidential Information, Receiving Party may disclose only such Confidential Information as is expressly required by the court order. Maintenance of Confidential Information. The Receiving Party agrees that it shall take all reasonable measures to protect the secrecy of and avoid disclosure and unauthorized use of Disclosing Party's Confidential Information. Without limiting the foregoing, Receiving Party shall take at least those measures that Receiving Party takes to protect its own confidential information. Receiving Party shall also immediately notify Disclosing Party, in writing, of any unauthorized use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.Confidentiality Term: Regardless of any termination of this Agreement, the parties expressly acknowledge and agree that their respective rights and obligation under this Section 9 shall last for a period of five (5) years following the expiration of this Agreement or permissible termination of this Agreement; provided, however, that Client's duties of confidentiality thereunder with respect to Consultant's trade secrets shall survive such expiration and such duties of confidentiality shall continue and not expire so long as such Confidential Information is deemed a trade secret as a matter of law. In signing this Agreement, Client acknowledges that he/she/it has carefully read, consulted with legal counsel, and considered all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the restraints imposed on Client, throughout the United States, under this Section 9. Client agrees that all such restraints are necessary for the reasonable and proper protection of Consultant, and that each and every one of the restraints is reasonable in respect to subject matter, length of time and geographic area (i.e., throughout the United States). Client further acknowledges that, were Client to breach any of the covenants contained in this Section 9, however caused, the damage to the Consultant would be irreparable. Client therefore agrees that Consultant, in addition to any other remedies available to it, shall be entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against any such breach or threatened breach, without having to post bond, together with reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in enforcing Consultant's rights

## LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

hereunder.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CONSULTANT, OR ANY OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, HOWSOEVER OR WHENEVER ARISING, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES FOR LOST REVENUE, LOST PROFITS, ANTICIPATED PROFITS, LOST BUSINESS OR INJURY TO BUSINESS REPUTATION, COST OF PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE SERVICES, UNDER ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY OR CAUSE OF ACTION WHETHER IN TORT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE, CONTRACT

Case 2:24-EX-06635 EVAN-LESS OF POSTUMENT 23-10T FILED 11/15/24 HAVE BEEN 102 ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SHALL NOT LIMIT CLIENT'S RIGHTS TO FILE SUIT AGAINST A THIRD PARTY OR PRODUCT VENDOR FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED CAUSES OF ACTION OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION RELATED THERETO. SPECIFICALLY, CONSULTANT HEREBY COVENANTS THAT IT SHALL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH IS LIKELY TO CAUSE WAIVER OF ANY OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY WITHOUT CLIENT'S PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL.CONSULTANT ASSUMES NO. LIABILITY FOR OR RELATING TO THE DELAY, INTERRUPTION, CORRUPTION OR FAILURE OF PRODUCT, DATA OR INFORMATION TRANSMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STORE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY ACT OR FAILURE TO ACT BY AMAZON OR ANY FORCE MAJEURE CONDITION (INCLUDING BY WAY OF EXAMPLE ONLY, ANY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE). AS A LIQUIDATED DAMAGES REMEDY AND NOT AS A PENALTY. SINCE DAMAGES TO CLIENT RESULTING FROM BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT BY CONSULTANT ARE DIFFICULT AND IMPRACTICAL, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO CALCULATE, CONSULTANT SHALL ONLY BE LIABLE TO THE EXTENT OF ACTUAL DAMAGES INCURRED BY CLIENT, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$5,000.00 USD. AGREEMENT TO THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO CONSULTANT AGREEING TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITH CLIENT. THIS PROVISION 11.(C) SHALL PREVAIL IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT OR

## DISCLAIMERS AND RELEASE

INCONSISTENCY WITH ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS AGREEMENT.

CONSULTANT'S SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES. CLIENT MAY NOT RELY UPON ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY REGARDING CONSULTANT'S SERVICES MADE BY ANY THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO REPRESENTATIONS BY THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS. CLIENT AGREES THAT CONSULTANT SHALL BEAR NO RISK WHATSOEVER AS TO THE SALE OF PRODUCTS OR SERVICES. CONSULTANT SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ARISING BY STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, USAGE OF TRADE, COURSE OF DEALING, OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON- INFRINGEMENT, OR TITLE WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTANT'S SERVICES, OR OTHER SERVICES OR GOODS PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. Without limiting the foregoing. Consultant makes no representations or warranties as to: (1) the accuracy. the reliability, or the completeness, of any matter within the scope of this Agreement, including but not limited to the Store, the products therein, or the data, information, content, software, technology, graphics, or communications provided on or through the Store; (2) the satisfaction of any regulation (government or otherwise) requiring disclosure of information on the products provided through or in connection with the Store or the approval or compliance of the Store or any software or information and

Case 2:24-cv-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 13 of 102 content contained in the Store; gage Dh 4641 Store will satisfy Client's economic needs and requirements or reach any particular level of sales,

income, or net profits.Business Risk – Client hereby understands that the creation and potential growth of the Client's Store carries financial and other risks. Client hereby understands that e-commerce is an ever-changing industry that is subject to numerous business risks, including but not limited to: (i) a changing legal environment in which regulations can emerge or change that affects the commercial sale of products through Amazon FBA via Client's Store; (ii) economic changes that affect consumer spending, the emergence of recessions due to economic and other issues (including public health issues) and the like; (iii) changes in the popular appeal of and demand for different types of Amazon FBA products; (iv) changes in Amazon's terms and conditions, which can materially affect or even interfere with the marketability of Client's Store or its products; (v) changes in international politics or economies, which may affect, among other things, the ability to package, distribute and ship Amazon FBA products, and the costs thereof; (vi) market forces, including increased and changing levels of competition for any given product from other sellers of such product; (vii) unforeseen events, force majeure, public health concerns, and other external events that could affect the performance of any Amazon FBA Store. Client hereby understands that there are no guarantees made by Consultant or otherwise as to the Store's sales, income, or profitability at any time, and acknowledges that Client is at risk of a total loss of his, her or its investment. Client acknowledges the substantial risks generally involved with an ecommerce business. Client recognizes that there is a possibility that subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, Client may discover facts or incur or suffer claims which were unknown or unsuspected at the time this Agreement was executed, and which if known by Client at that time may have materially affected Client's decision to execute this Agreement. By operation of this Agreement, and in particular the disclaimers of Consultant contained in the preceding subsections, Client assumes any and all risks of such unknown facts and such unknown and unsuspected claims and expressly releases Consultant for any liability which Consultant could have had in connection therewith in the absence of the release herein provided by Client to Consultant. Consultant encourages Client to only invest funds that Client can afford to invest in an illiquid basis over a longer-term and perhaps ultimately lose, and to consult Client's legal and/or business advisors prior to investing in the Store Amazon FBA Terms and Conditions -Client hereby understands that Amazon FBA, from time to time, with or without cause, can and does suspend accounts for various reasons, some of which may not be obvious or justified in the Client's view. In the event Client's Store is suspended, Company will assist in sending an appeal on behalf of the Client and working with Amazon FBA to remedy the situation at no extra cost. Consultant makes no representations or warranties of any kind, however, that Amazon FBA will in such cases return Client's Store to active

Case 2:24-cy-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1. Filed 11/15/24 Page 14 of 102 status. Furthermore, Client agrees and supplied that the Consultant makes no guarantees or representations regarding the Store in relation to any Amazon FBA policy, whether currently in effect or as may be amended by Amazon FBA from time to time. Client understands that Consultant has no control over or input in when and whether Amazon FBA elects to change any of its policies. However, the Services provided by Consultant to Client pursuant to this Agreement shall where practical be consistent with Amazon's current policies.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Non-exclusivity - Each party is free to contract with others with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement subject to the limitations as to Client under Section 6 and Section 9 of this Agreement.Relationship of the Parties – Nothing herein contained shall constitute a partnership or a joint venture between the Parties. Consultant is performing its services to Client as an independent contractor and not as Client's agent or employee. There is no third-party beneficiary to this Agreement.Notices - All notices to either party shall be sent electronically to the email address(es) provided by each Party to the other and as otherwise set forth below. All notices to Consultant shall be sent to info@passivescaling.com. If to Client, notice shall be sent electronically to , with a courtesy copy sent to .Alternatively, such written notice will also be deemed given upon personal delivery, or on receipt or refusal if sent by U.S. first class certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or by a recognized private delivery service, to the addresses stated on Page 1 of this Agreement. Severability, Headings - If any provision is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect. In such event, the Parties hereby acknowledge their intent to make such invalidated provision, or part of such provision, as to be deemed replaced with a valid provision or part of provision that most closely approximates and gives effect to the intent of the invalid provision. Any such modification shall revise the existing invalid provision, or part thereof, only as much as necessary to make the invalidlyheld provision otherwise valid. Headings are used for convenience of reference only, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or extent of any section of this Agreement. Dispute Resolution - Except where otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement, any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall only be resolved by binding arbitration. The arbitration of any dispute or claim shall be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") rules, as modified by this Agreement, which shall take place in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Any arbitration proceeding, determination, or award, shall be confidential, and neither Party may disclose the existence, content or results of any arbitration, except as may be required by law or for purposes of enforcement. Judgment on any arbitration award may be entered in any

Case 2:24-cv-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 15 of 102 court having proper jurisdiction. All administrative fees and expenses of such arbitration proceeding will be divided equally between the parties, though each Party will bear its own expense of counsel, experts, witnesses and preparation and presentation of evidence at the arbitration (except where attorneys' fees and costs shall be awarded pursuant to Section 13.(L)). IF FOR ANY REASON THIS ARBITRATION CLAUSE IS DEEMED INAPPLICABLE OR INVALID, THE PARTIES FOREVER AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, ANY RIGHT TO PURSUE ANY CLAIMS ON A CLASS OR CONSOLIDATED BASIS OR IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY. No action. regardless of form, arising out of or in conjunction with the subject matter of this Agreement may be brought by either Party more than one (1) year after the cause of action arose. Amendment. This Agreement cannot be amended except in writing and signed by both Parties. Electronic Signatures - This Agreement may be executed by electronic means and in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered will be deemed an original, and all such counterparts together will constitute one and the same instrument. Governing Law; Jurisdiction - This Agreement, the negotiations thereunder, and performance thereof shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without reference to principles of conflicts of laws. Client hereby irrevocably consents to the personal jurisdiction of and agrees that the sole venue for any dispute arising in connection to this Agreement shall be the courts of competent jurisdiction (State and federal) located within Miami-Dade County, Florida. Client agrees not to commence or prosecute any such action, claim or proceeding other than in such aforementioned courts. The parties hereto agree that Florida law shall apply regardless of any choice or conflicts of law principles. Client agrees that Miami-Dade County, Florida is a convenient forum, and waives any objection to same under forum non conveniens principles. Waiver - The failure of any party to insist on or enforce strict performance of any provision of this Agreement, or to exercise any right or remedy under this Agreement or applicable law shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right to assert or rely upon any such provision, right or remedy. Force Majeure - Neither Party shall be responsible for any failure to perform beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation acts of God, national health emergency, acts or omissions of civil or military authority, civil disturbances, wars, strikes or other labor disputes, fires, transportation contingencies, or interruptions in telecommunications, internet services, or third-party vendors.Entire Agreement - This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements relating to the subject matter herein. Attorneys' Fees - If either party breaches this Agreement, or one party brings any action (including appeal) against the breaching party in connection with this Agreement, the substantially prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover his/her/its cost of the action and reasonable attorneys' fees.Injunctive Relief

Case 2:24-cv-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 16 of 102 in the event of a breach or threatened program of Section 6 or Section 9, the

aggrieved party shall immediately be entitled to pursue in any court of competent jurisdiction specific performance, injunctive relief, damages, or such other remedies and relief as may be available, regardless of any contrary provision of this Agreement. Additionally, due to the difficulty of measuring damages in the event of a breach of this Agreement by Client, the parties agree that, in the event of a breach of either Section 6 or Section 9 by Client, Client shall owe Consultant total liquidated damages in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per breach. The Parties further agree that (i) the liquidated damage amount due from Client as above set forth is not a penalty but is an arms-length negotiated amount under the circumstances, and(ii) this Section shall not be construed as a waiver of prohibition of any other remedies of Consultant in the event of a breach of this Agreement by Client.Independent Counsel - The Parties acknowledge that each has been advised to seek, and each has had sufficient opportunity to seek, independent legal counsel possessing industry experience in connection with this matter. The Parties have either sought such counsel or voluntarily waived such right to do so. Accordingly, in interpreting this Agreement, no weight shall be placed upon either party. Furthermore, the parties equally drafted this agreement; thus, the Agreement shall be construed neutrally, and no rule of construction shall apply to the disadvantage of any Party. Assignment – Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Prior to any such assignment, said assignee shall execute an agreement identical to this Agreement. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their successors, and assigns. Any purported assignment or delegation by either party in violation of the foregoing shall be null and void ab initio and of no force and effect.Cure - If at any time either Client believes the terms of this Agreement are not being fully performed, prior to seeking or commencing any relief expressly permitted under this Agreement, Client shall notify Consultant in writing of the specific nature of such claim, and Consultant receiving such notice shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice to cure such claimed breach.Indemnification – Client agrees to indemnify, defend, and save and hold harmless Consultant, including its respective insurers, directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively the "Indemnified Parties" and each an "Indemnified Party"), and to hold each Indemnified Party harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses (including all attorneys' fees and costs) which any Indemnified Party may incur or which may be asserted against any Indemnified Party by any person, entity or governmental authority, throughout the world, in connection with or relating to the matters referred to in this Agreement, resulting from or relating directly or indirectly to Client's breach of this Agreement. The foregoing indemnity specifically includes, but is not limited to, any breach of

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Client, and shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement. Survival - Any Section in this Agreement that requires survival shall survive the termination of this Agreement for the maximum period permitted by applicable law.Client Data Management – Unless Consultant receives Client's prior written consent, Consultant shall not: (i) access, process, or otherwise use Client's Data other than as necessary to facilitate Consultant's Services; (ii) give any of its employees access to Client Data except to the extent that such individuals needs access to Client Data to facilitate performance of Consultant under this Agreement; or (iii) give any other third-party access to Client Data except as necessary for such third-party to facilitate performance under this Agreement. Consultant shall not erase Client Data, or any copy thereof, without Client's express written consent and shall follow Client's written instructions regarding retention and erasure of Client Data so long as it does not interfere with the performance of Consultant's Services and performance under this Agreement. Client possesses and retains all right, title, and interest in and to Client Data, and Consultant's use and possession thereof is solely in furtherance of Consultant's Services and on Client's behalf. Consultant shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing the handling of Client Data and shall not engage in any activity that would place Client in violation of any applicable law, regulation, or government request, or judicial process. Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OFLITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN MATERIALLY INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.Ministerial Services – In furtherance of Client's obligations under Section 2, Consultant may offer Client guidance and referrals to third-party vendors. Additionally, Consultant may, in its discretion, and at no additional fee to Client, offer Client assistance in fulfillment of the obligations in Section 2 ("Ministerial Act"). Before Consultant commences any Ministerial Act, Consultant shall obtain Client's written consent. Client agrees to reimburse Consultant for expenses incurred in carrying out a Ministerial Act. In the event Consultant offers to engage in a Ministerial Act, Client hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save and hold harmless Consultant from any cost, claim, damage or liability (including attorneys' fees and court costs) related to the Ministerial Act. Client also waives any claims against Consultant that may be related to the Ministerial Act. Client accepts that this indemnification and

Case 2:24-cv-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 18 of 102 waiver of all liability related to the Ministerial Act is a material inducement for

Consultant to make any offer to Client for such Ministerial Act, and without such indemnification and waiver from Client, Consultant would not make any such offer of assistance to Client to engage in the Ministerial Act. The foregoing indemnity of Client shall survive expiration of the Term of this Agreement or its earlier termination.DEFINITIONS – Words or phrases which are initially capitalized or are within quotation marks shall have the meanings as provided in Exhibit A of this Agreement, which is fully incorporated by reference and is a material part of this Agreement.

EXHIBIT A Definitions: Words or phrases which are initially capitalized or are within quotation marks in the e-commerce consulting agreement ("Agreement") shall have the meanings provided in this Exhibit A. "Cash Back" means any revenue derived from cash back programs like Be Frugal. "Client Data" refers to any and all information processed or stored on computers or other electronic media by Consultant, by Client, or on Client's behalf, or provided to Consultant by Client to perform the Services contemplated under this Agreement; including: information on paper or other non-electronic media, information provided to Consultant by Client, and personally identifiable information from Client, Client affiliated third-parties, and other users. "Confidential information" means any and all information of the Company that is not generally known to the public or those with whom the Company competes or does business, or with whom they plan to compete or do business, and any and all information, publicly known publicly known in whole or in part or not, which, if disclosed would assist in competition against them including without limitation: Consultant's proprietary business information and all information disclosed or made available by Consultant to Client, either directly or indirectly, in writing, orally, by demonstration, or by inspection of tangible or intangible objects, including without limitation documents, files, texts, emails, phone calls, zoom calls, links, source code, software, charts, graphs, and any other form of communication. Confidential Information also includes information disclosed by Client to Consultant. Confidential Information shall not include any information (a) which Client can establish was publicly known and made generally available in the public domain prior to the time of disclosure, other than as a result of an improper disclosure by a party hereto, or (b) was in Client's possession on a nonconfidential basis prior to its disclosure. "Net Profit" means the revenue, income, and sums owed to Client through the operation of Client's Store after deduction of (i) the cost of any goods sold in connection with Client's Store, and (ii) any Amazon FBA fees related to Client's store. "Pause" means the Store is considered in "Vacation Mode" due to a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, insufficient credit available by Client to permit Consultant to render its services to Client as provided herein. "Prohibited Action" means any affirmative action taken by Consultant which constitutes: (1) willful copyright infringement as defined under the U.S. Copyright Act or (2) late

Case 2:24-cv-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 19 of 102 shipping of product, i.e., greater than the date of expected delivery of the goods, solely due to the fault of Consultant, and as to which the actions under (1) and (2) above have resulted in the Suspension of Client's Store. The term "proprietary business information" means Consultant's valuable trade secrets and confidential business information regarding its brand, vendors, sources, suppliers, techniques, processes, products, services, including, but not limited to, information regarding e-commerce transactions, Amazon FBA transactions, training materials, marketing and advertising materials, trade or industrial practices, customer and client correspondence, internal memoranda, project files, marketing plans, distribution channels, and relationships with, and identities of, customers, investors, clients, buyers, sellers, brokers, agents, representatives, distributors, manufacturers, and managers, as well as financial information, business, marketing and operating information, geographic sales information, social media analytics, price comparison information, sales data, sales programs, sales volumes, sales conversion rates, sales methods and processes, sales proposals, products, services, training manuals, sales scripts, income information, profit information, operating procedures, pricing policies, strategic plans, intellectual property, information about Consultant's clients, employees and contractors, and other confidential or proprietary information related to Consultant. The term "Store" means the Client's wholly owned ecommerce location on the third-party Amazon.com FBA.com where products may be sold to third parties (there is no affiliation, endorsement, or sponsorship between Consultant and Amazon FBA). "Suspension" means an action or actions by Amazon FBA which inactivates or freeze Client's Store, and which thereby results in an inability for Client to access Client's Store which results in no access or sales activity through the Store, other than where due to the occurrence of a Prohibited Action. "Vacation Mode" means any action other than a breach of this Agreement by Client which results in a condition of Client's Store where all sales activity in the Store has been

#### TERMINATION -

temporarily halted.

Client may terminate this Agreement at any time by providing written notice to Consultant. Consultant may terminate this Agreement, at any time, for cause, with fourteen (14) days written notice to Client. Consultant may terminate the Option Term, without cause, at any time. For this Section, "cause" shall include, but not be limited to: (1) any act or omission by Client, which interferes with the operation of the Store or Consultant's ability to render Services, in Consultant's sole discretion; or (2) Client's breach or threatened breach of any term in this Agreement. If Client breaches any term under this Agreement, independent of any actions Amazon may take from time to time, Consultant may Pause Client's Store, which, Consultant may only reactivate, in Consultant's sole discretion.

Case 2:24-cv-06635-JXN-LDW Document 93-1 Filed 11/15/24 Page 20 of 102 A.Subject to Paragraph (C) below during the Term of this Agreement, if

Consultant's Services result in a Prohibited Action, twice, Client has the option ("Refund Option") to request a refund. Additionally, following an eighteen (18) month period if the Client has not made back their initial store costs, Client has the option to request a refund within a thirty (30) day period following their 18thmonth of working days. To exercise the Refund Option, Client must notify Consultant of that election in writing. In that event, subject to Paragraph (C), Consultant will refund a portion of the Fee, as defined in Paragraph (B) below (the "Refund Amount").

- B. The Refund Amount shall be calculated by the following formula: (x) the Feeless (y) any Net Profit and Cash Back Client received during the Refund Period,and less (z) any Net Profit and Cash Back Client received through Passive Scaling; provided, however, that (1) Client has not engaged in any act that interferes with the operation of Client's Store or of Consultant's Services or which would be in breach of this Agreement, including, without limitation, a Suspension of Client's Store for any reason other than the occurrence of a Prohibited Action, and (2) this Agreement remains in full force and effect at the time Client exercises the Refund Option. The Parties further agree that under no circumstance shall the Refund Amount exceed the Fee.
- C. Client's right to exercise the Refund Option under Paragraph (A) is expressly conditioned on Consultant first managing one replacement store (the "Cure Store") for Client, and the Cure Store also results in a Prohibited Action.

I, Adam Mojamal, agree to the terms of this agreement and I agree that my typed name below can be used as a digital representation of my signature to that fact.

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Adam Mojamal

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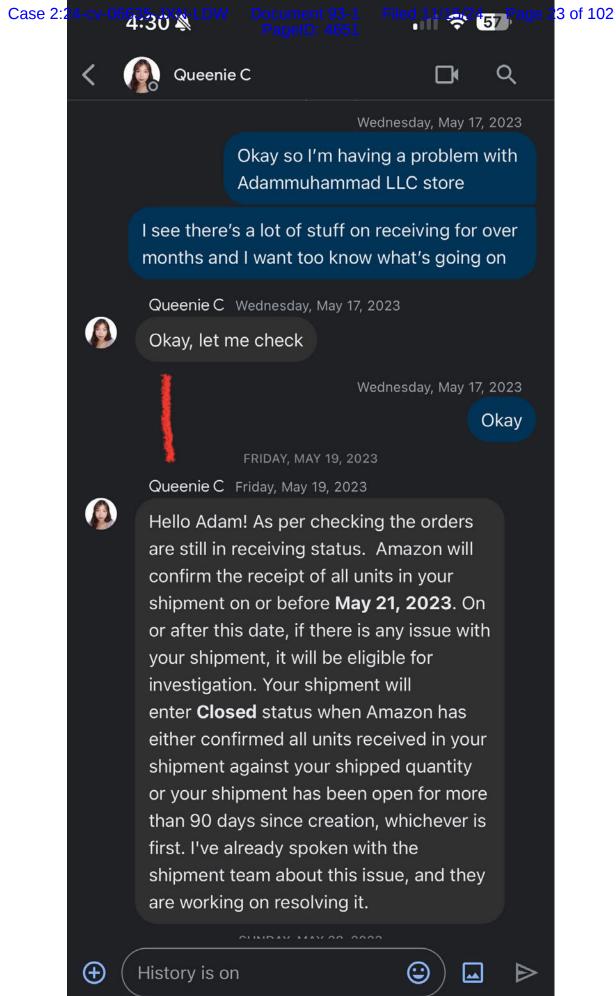
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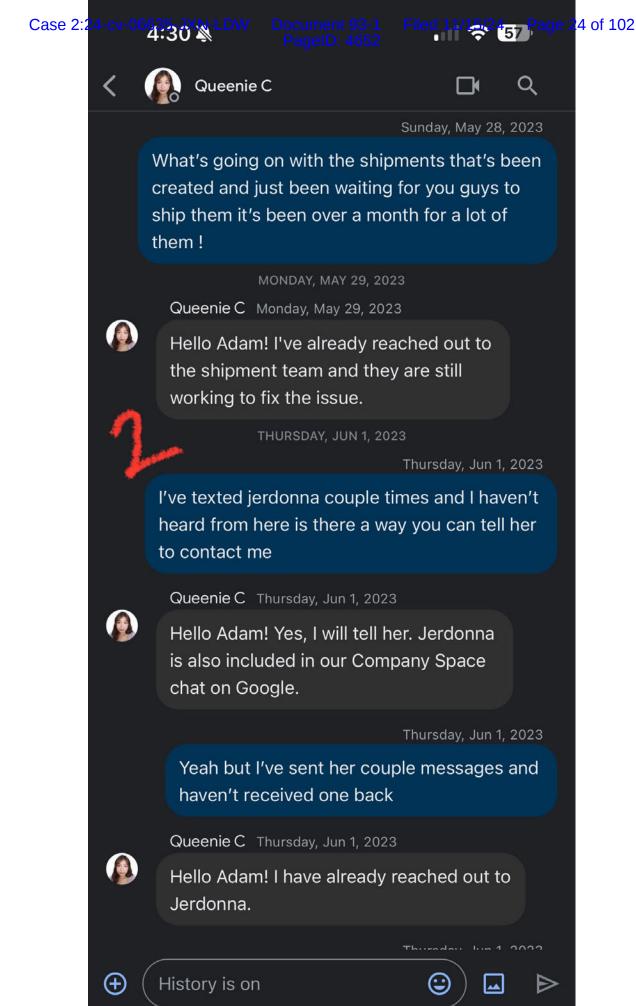
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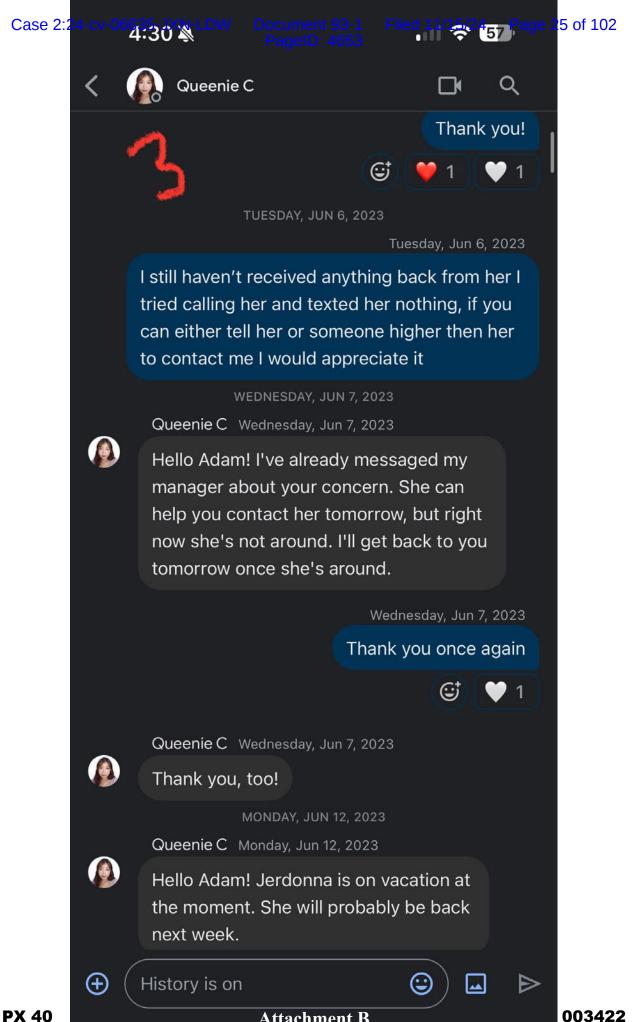
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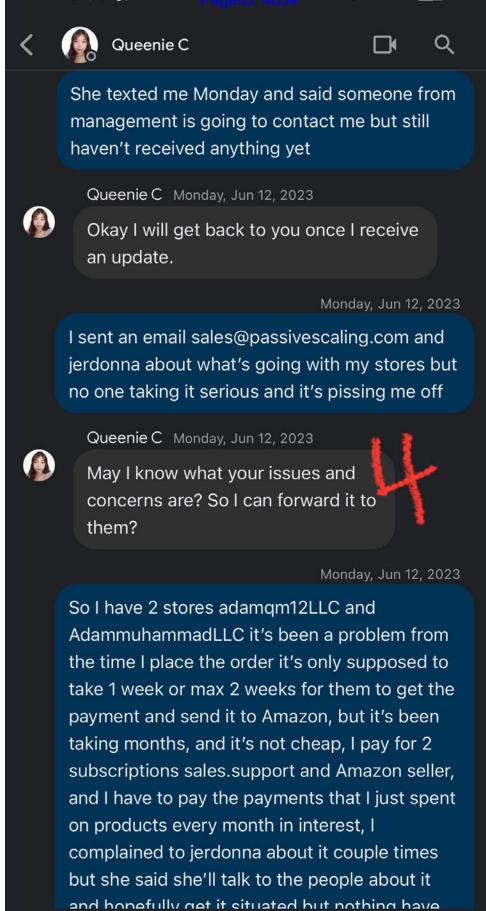
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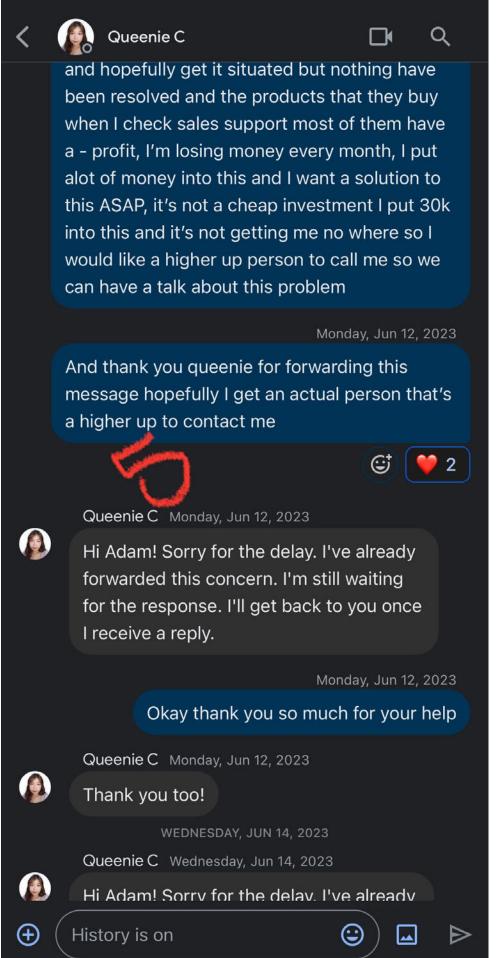


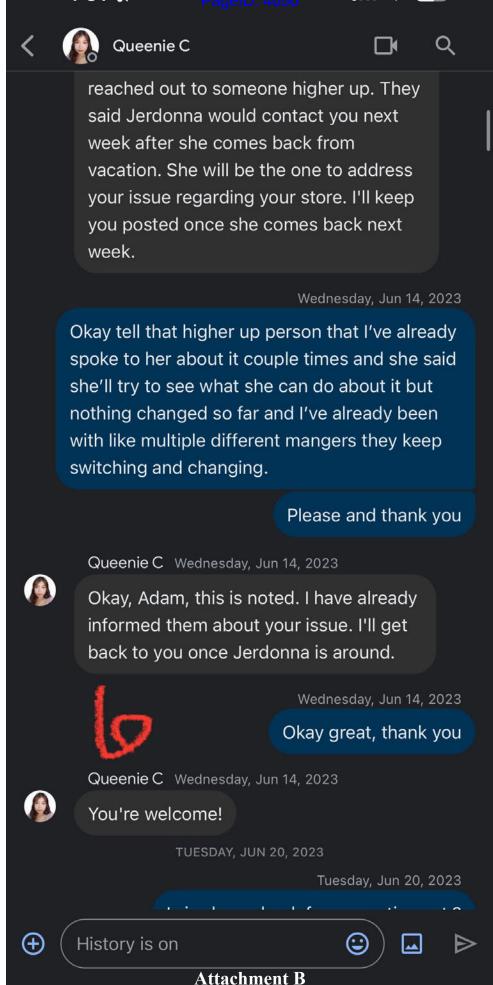


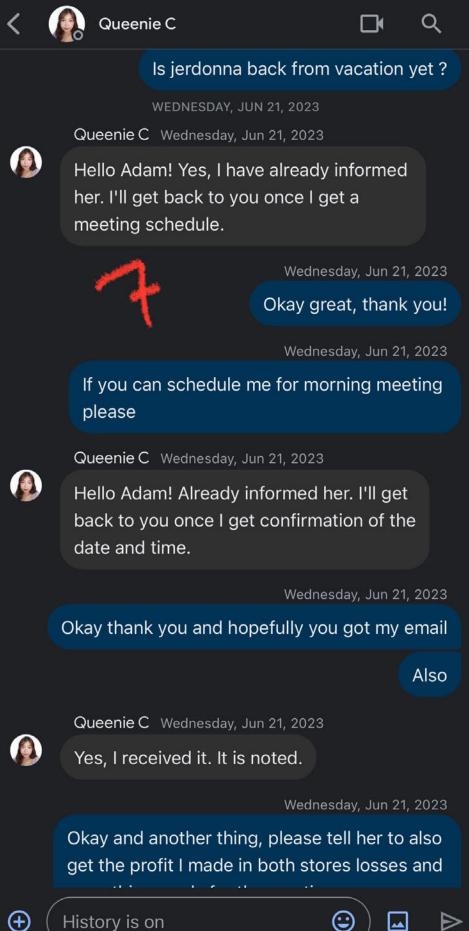


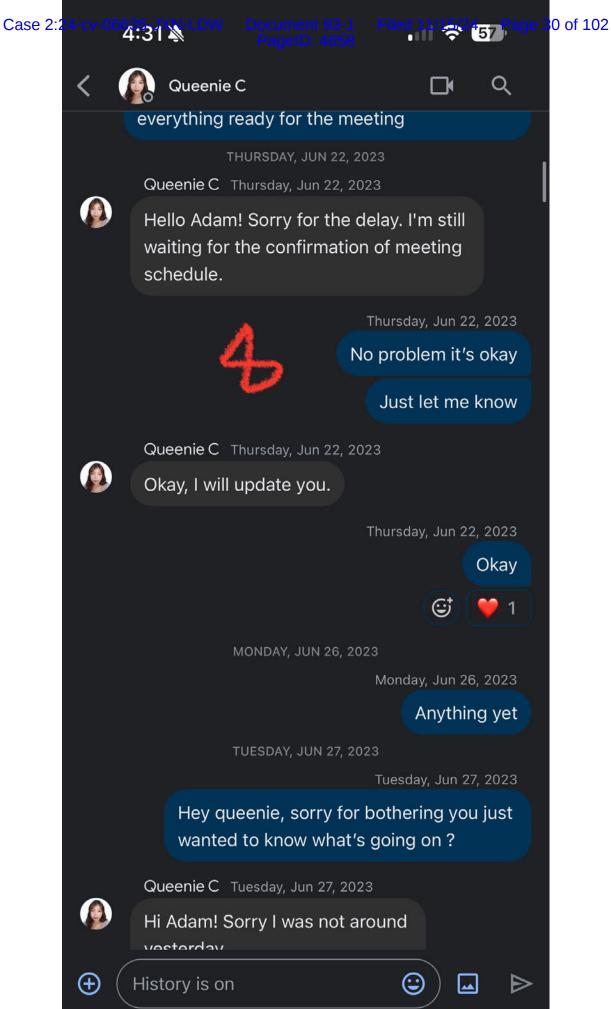
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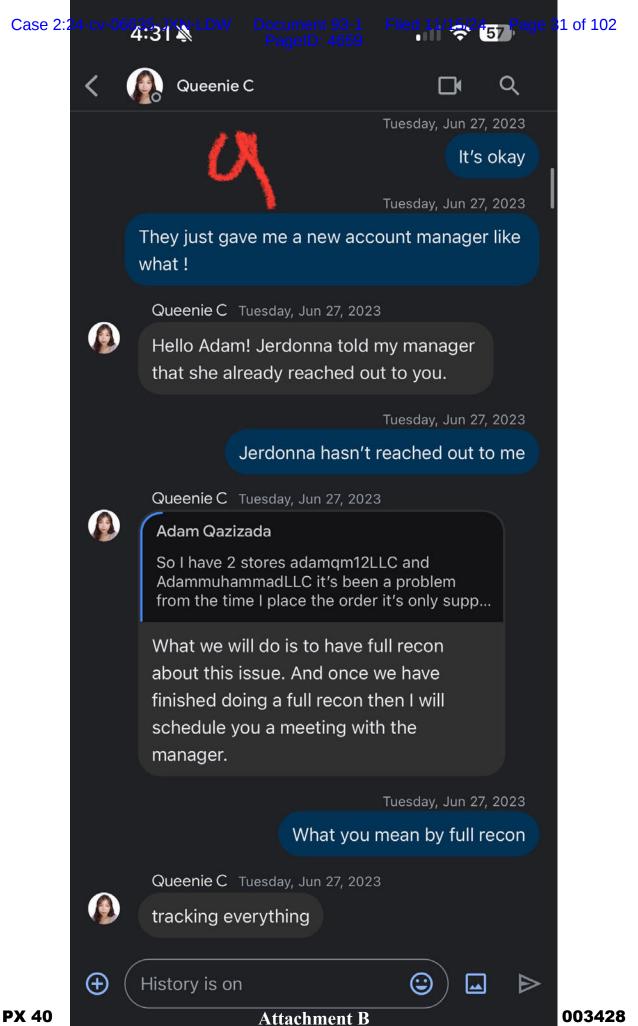
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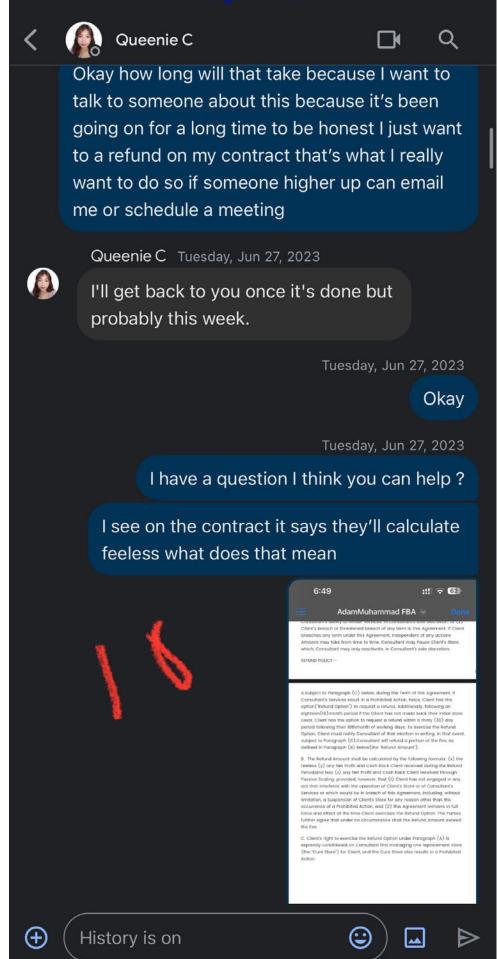


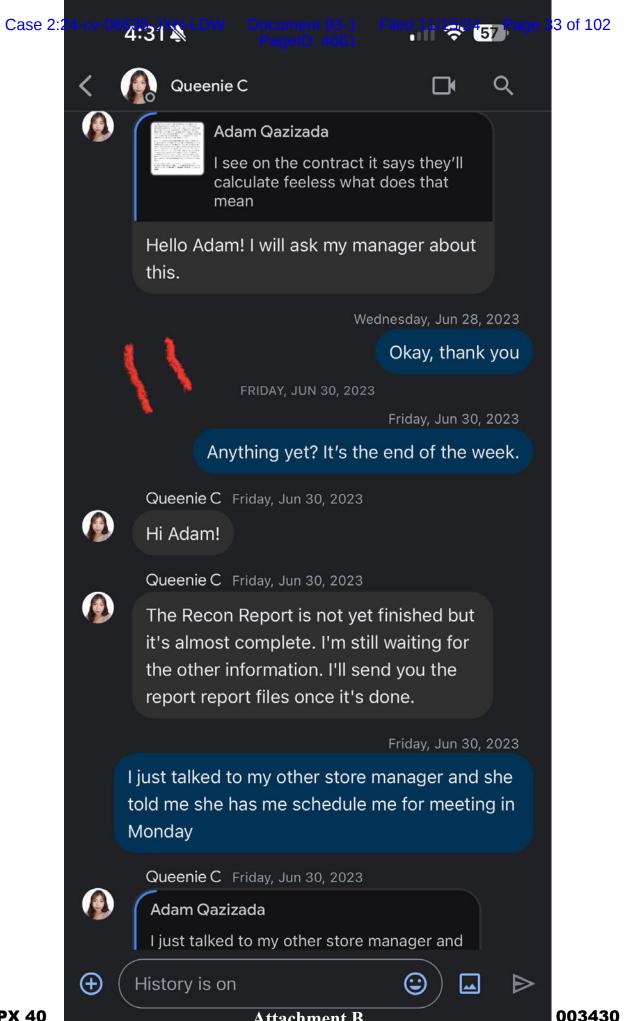


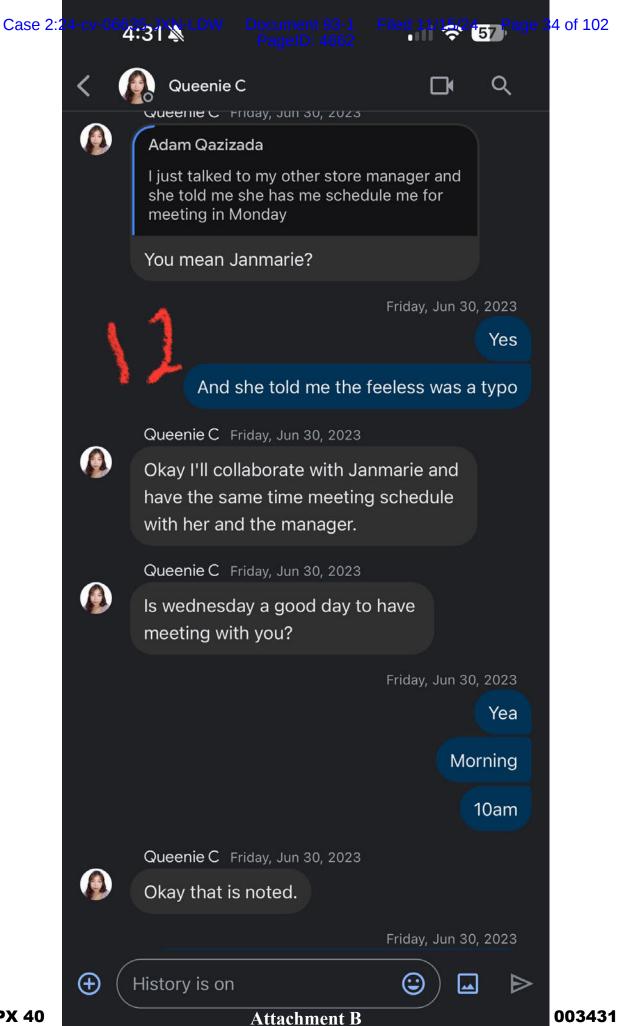


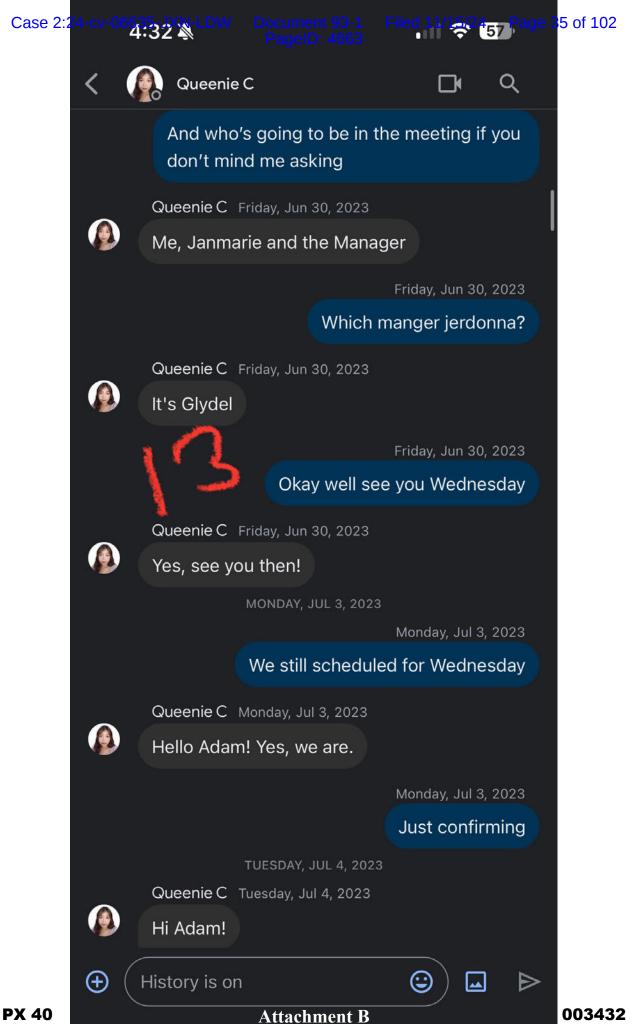


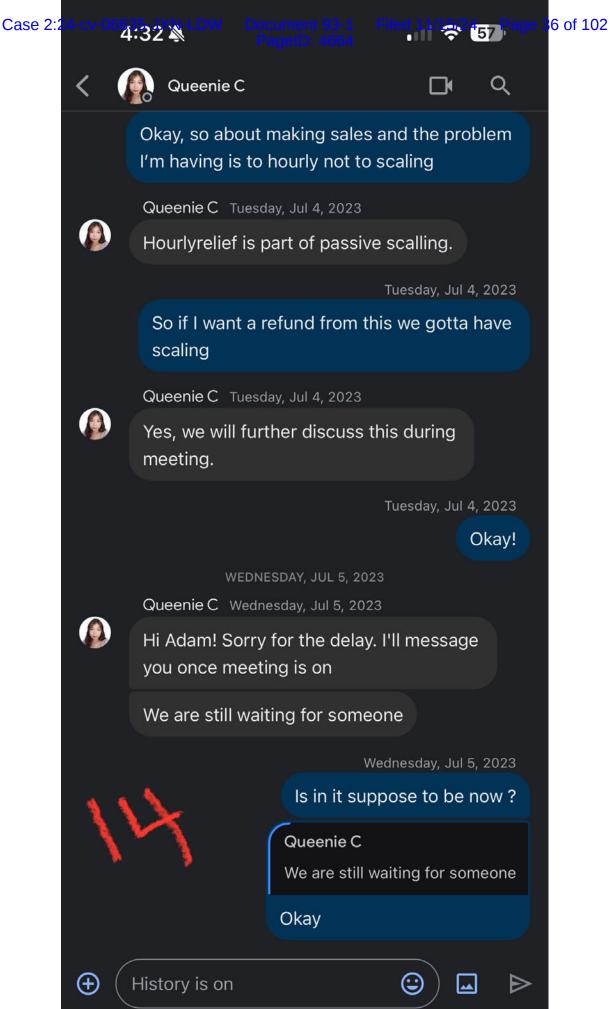




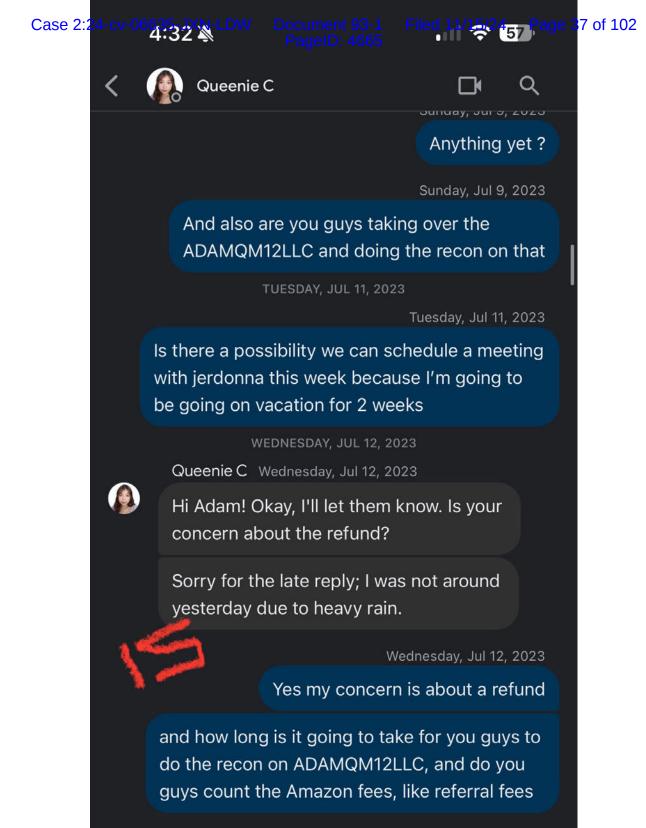








**Attachment B** 



Queenie C Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023

Okay, probably by friday we will send you the copy once it is done.

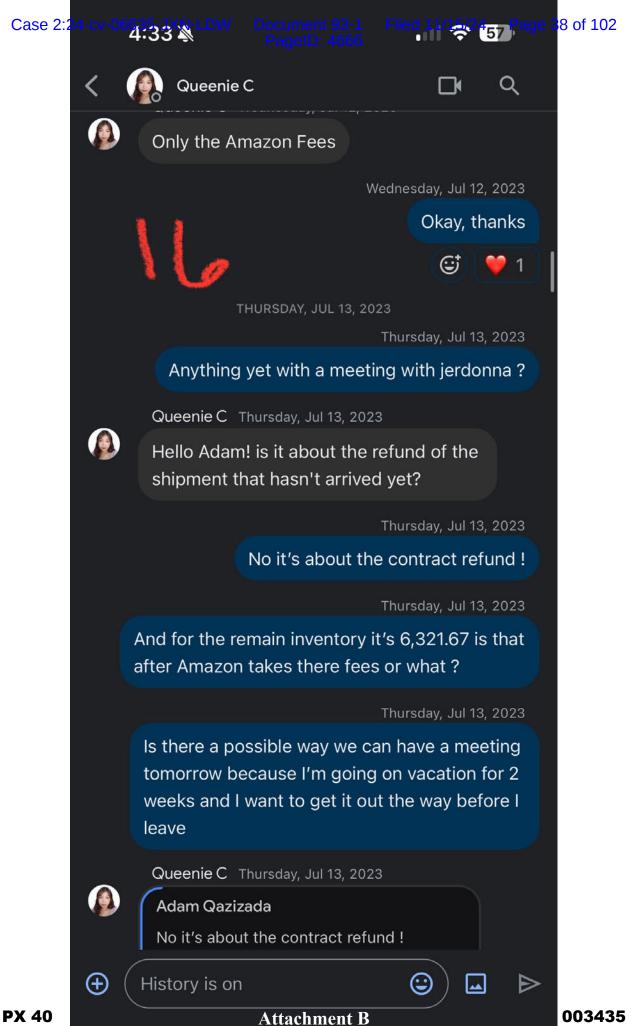
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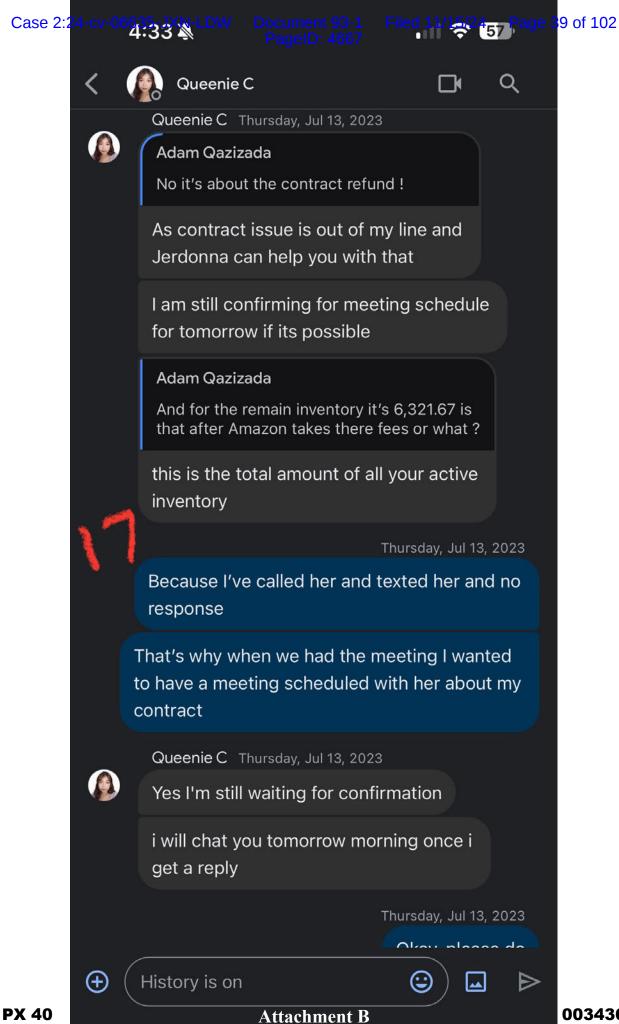
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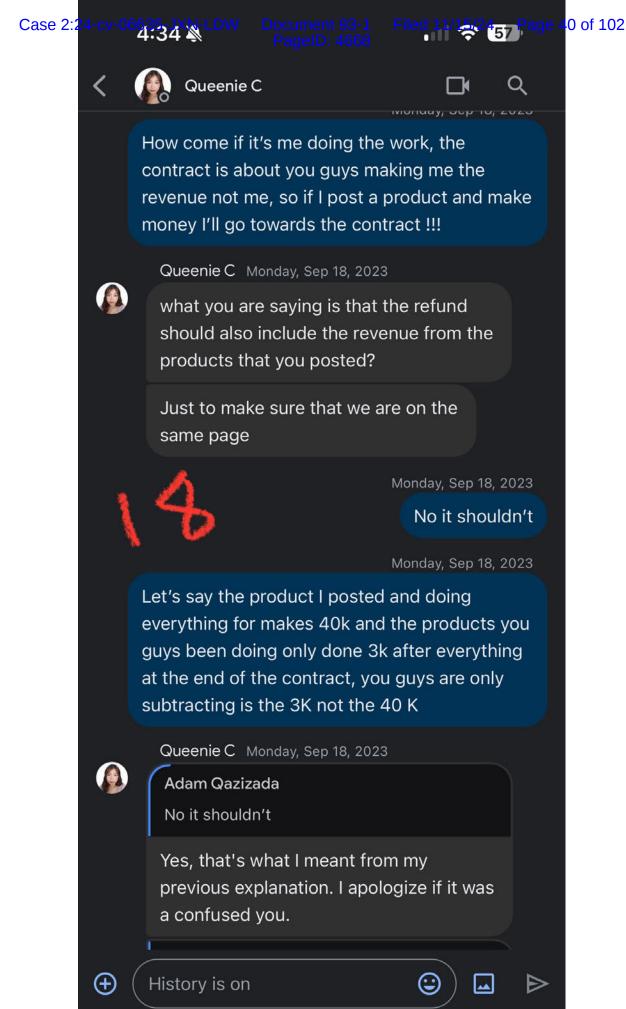


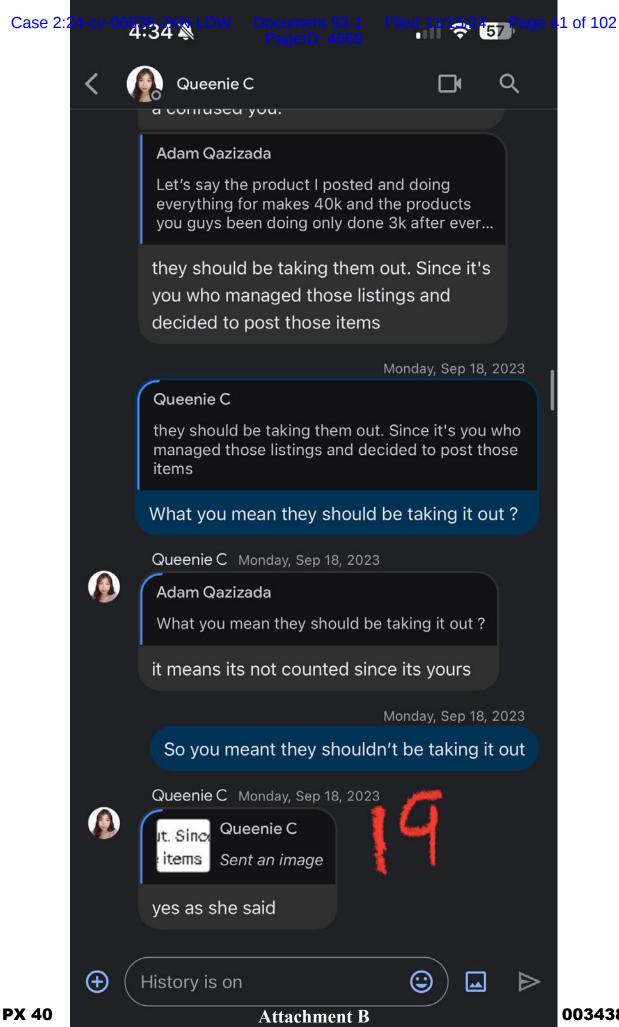


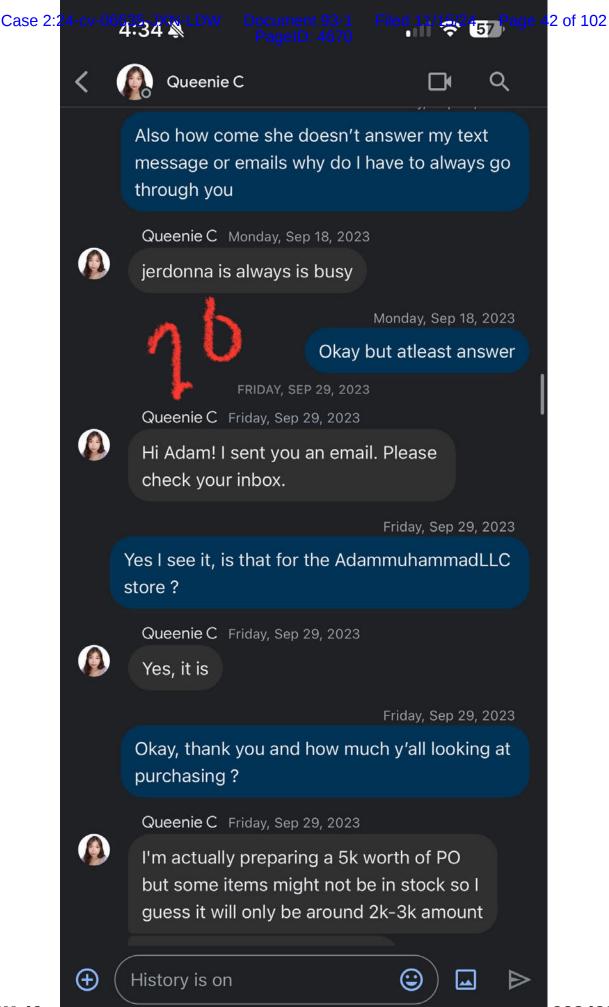


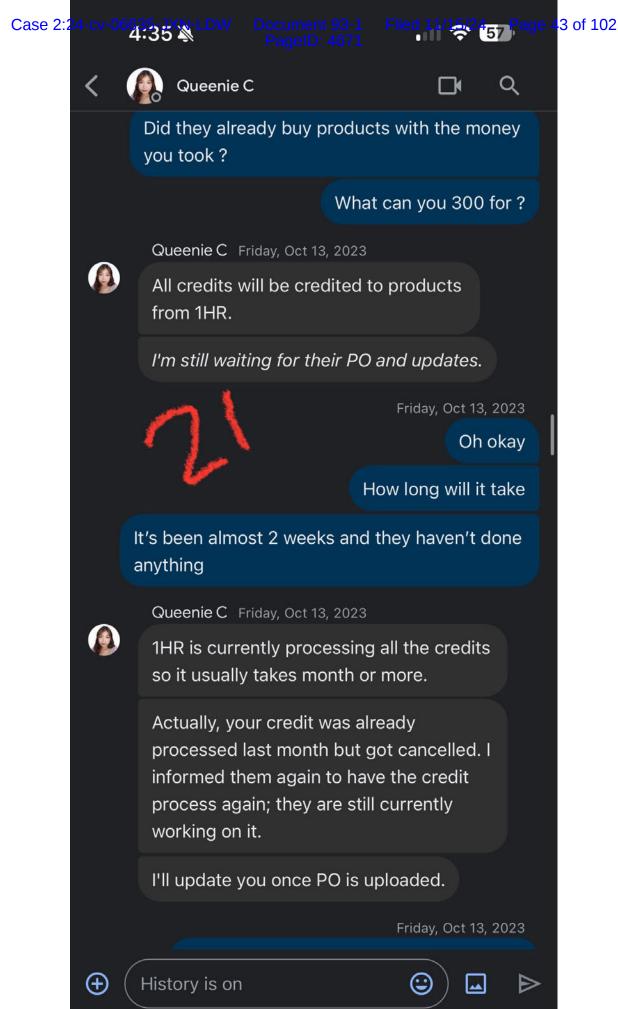


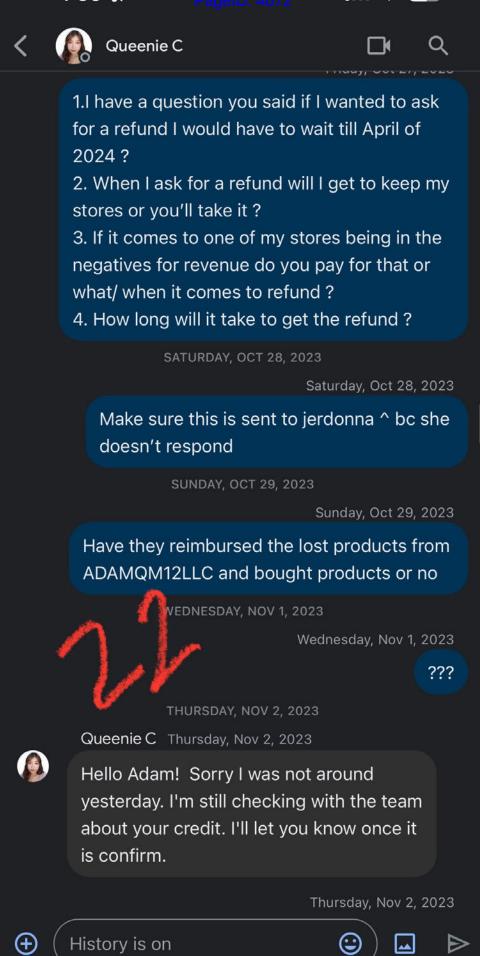


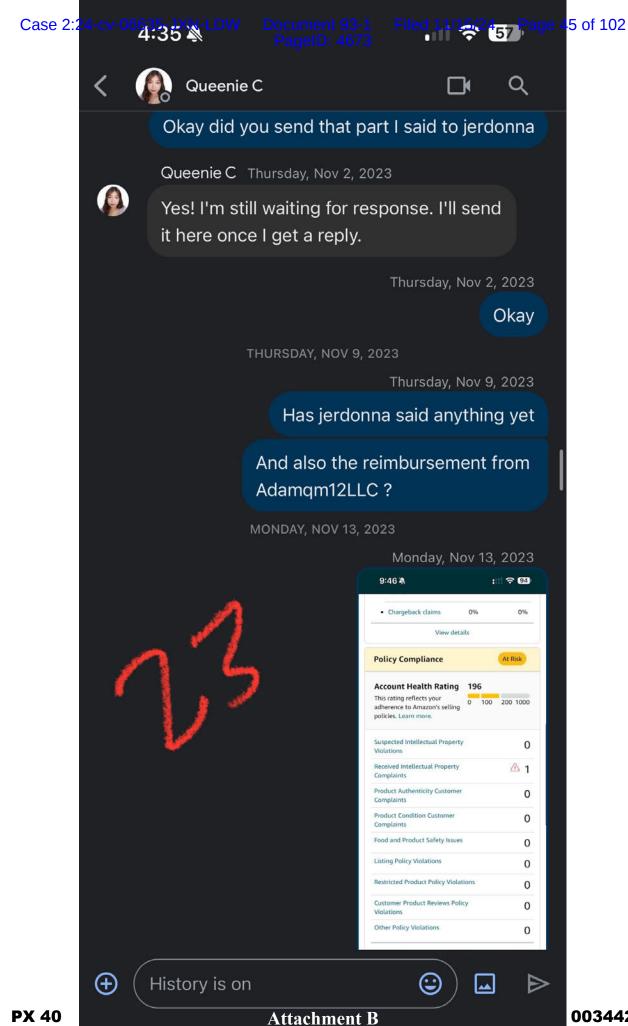


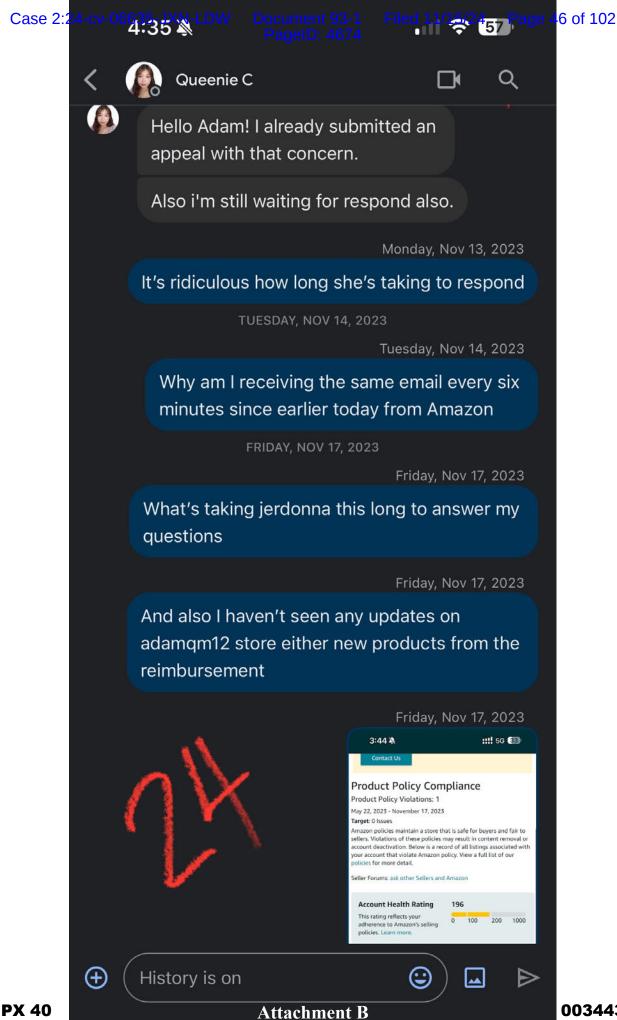


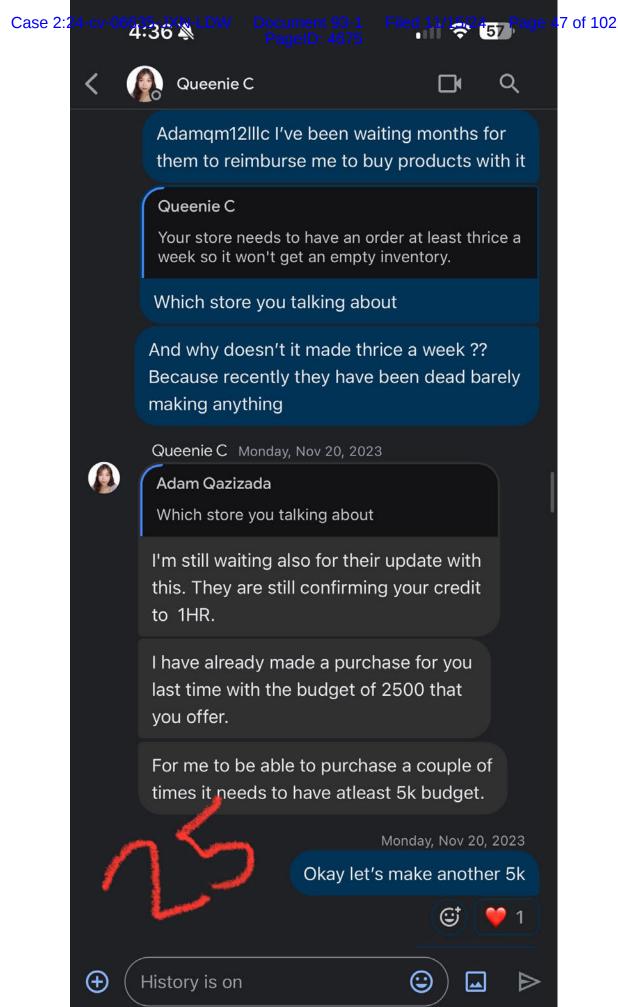


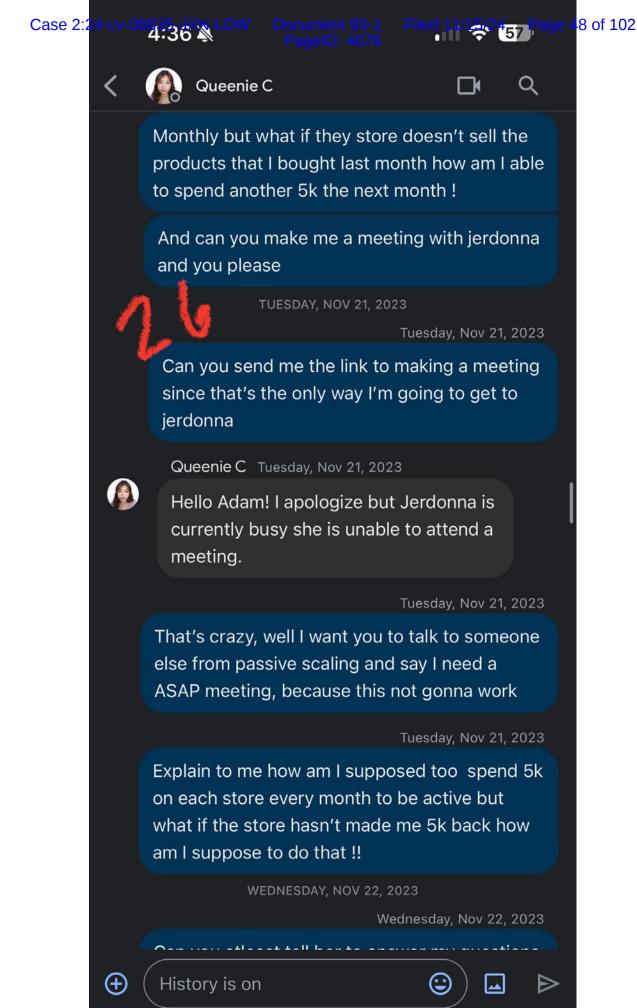


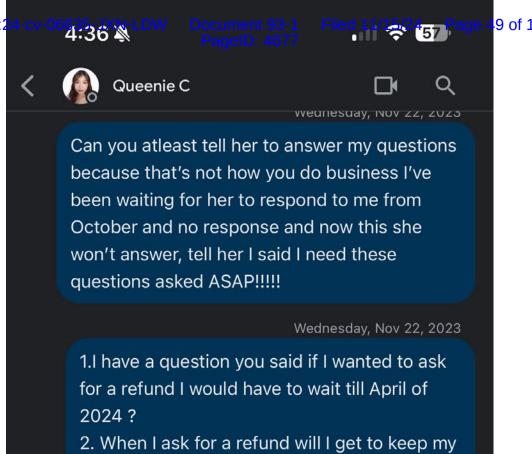






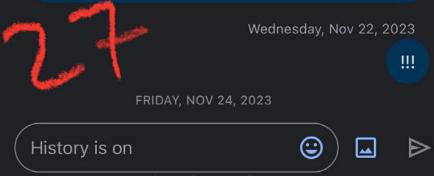




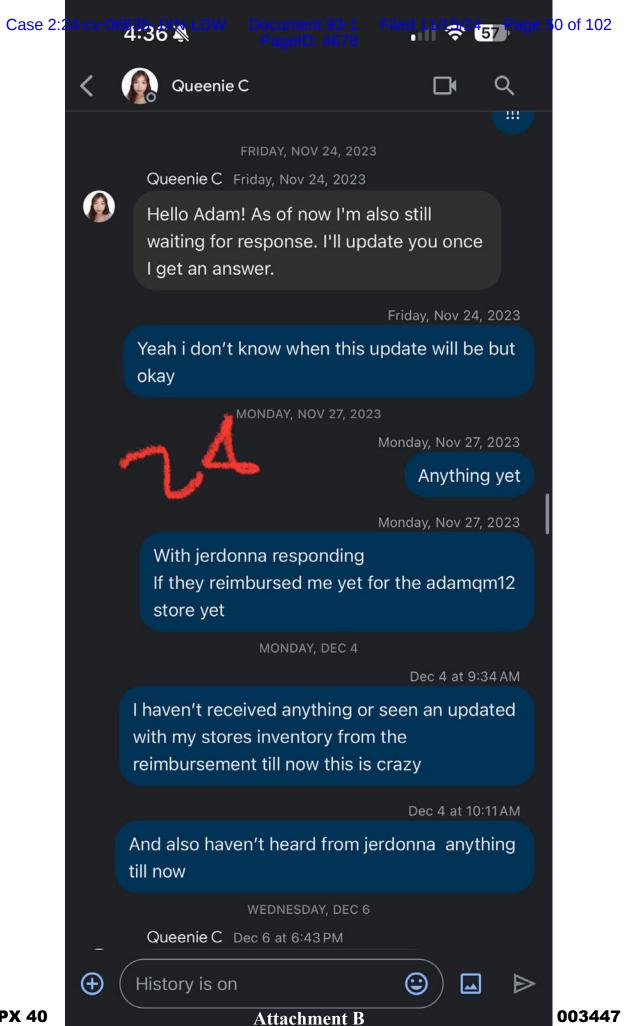


- stores or you'll take it?
- 3. If it comes to one of my stores being in the negatives for revenue do you pay for that or what/ when it comes to refund?
- 4. How long will it take to get the refund?
- 5. Do I need to spend 5k monthly to have my store active or just 3-5 products in my store?
- 6. If I need to spend 5k monthly how can I do that if my store hasn't made me money to spend 5k monthly?

I added couple more questions because I remember jerdonna saying for my store to be active it needs to have multiple products in it!



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## Queenie C

Hello Adam! I apologize; I haven't received any response yet.

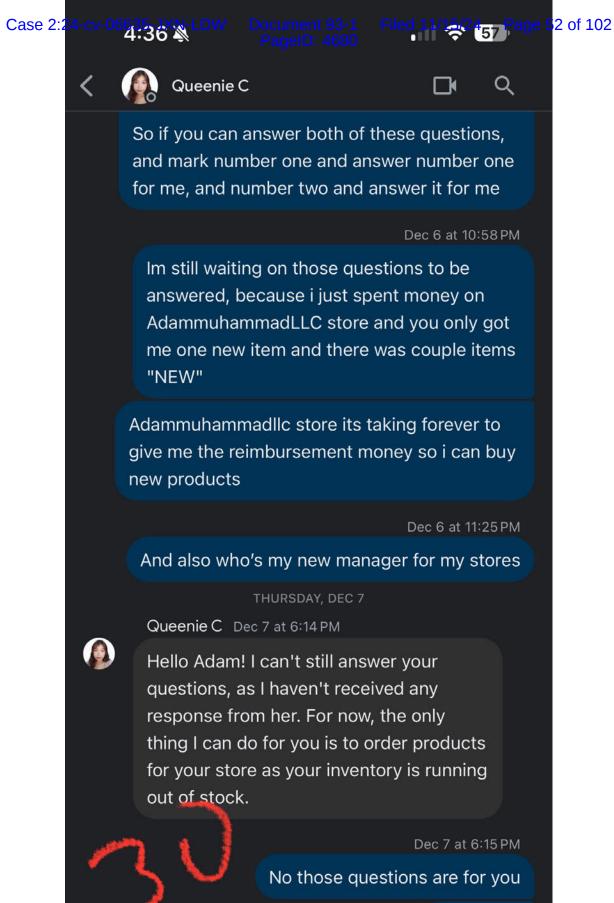
This is ridiculous, I swear I can't wait to get my refund on April because of lack of communication when it comes to stuff about my stores because this is not how you do business

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Well I want to know what happened with my stuff the I bought already for AdamMuhammad store

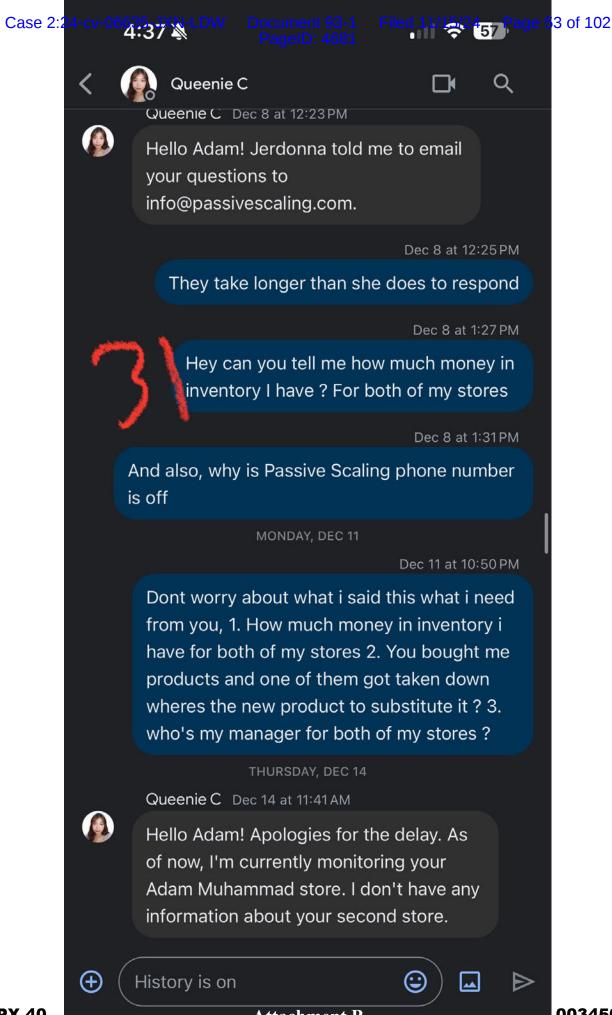
- 1. I spent 2,500 and i was supposed to have a couple of items there's only one new item ever since the product got taken down for using it and it never got anything new so I need an update on that!
- 2. AdammuhammadLLC I was supposed to get a reimbursement and it's been well over a month or two months and I still haven't heard anything so I need to know what's going on with that

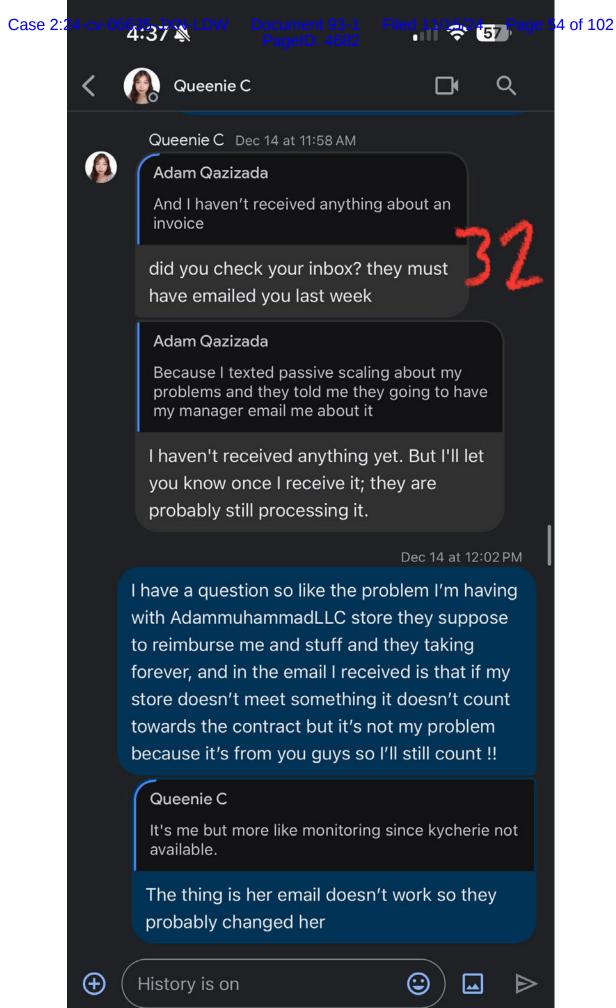


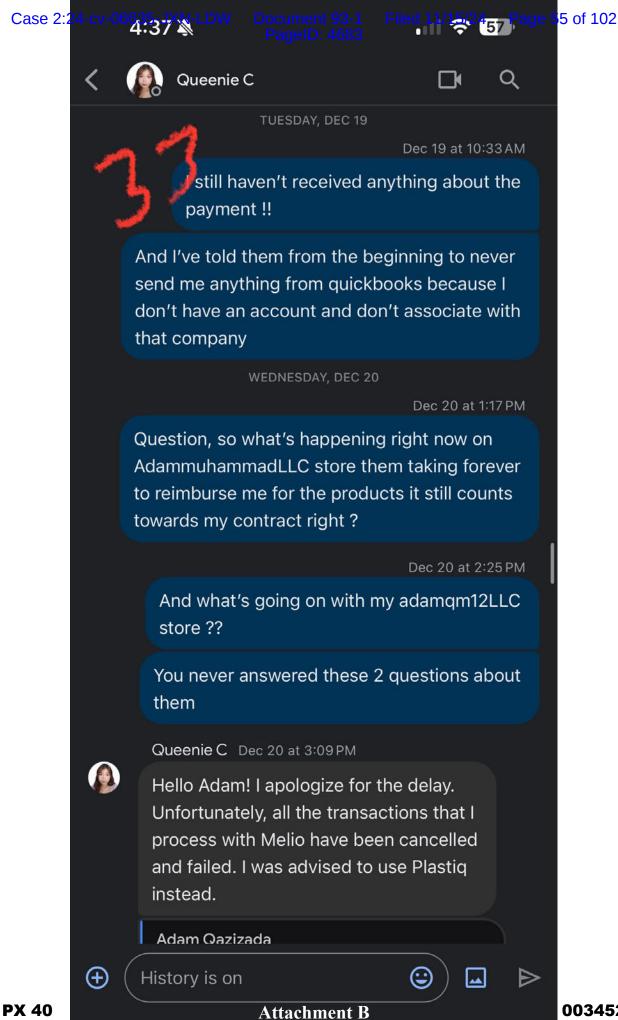


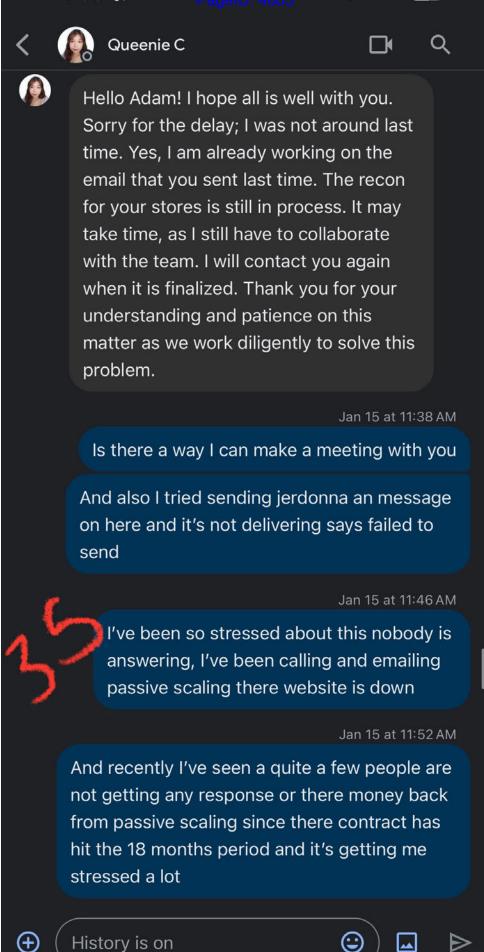
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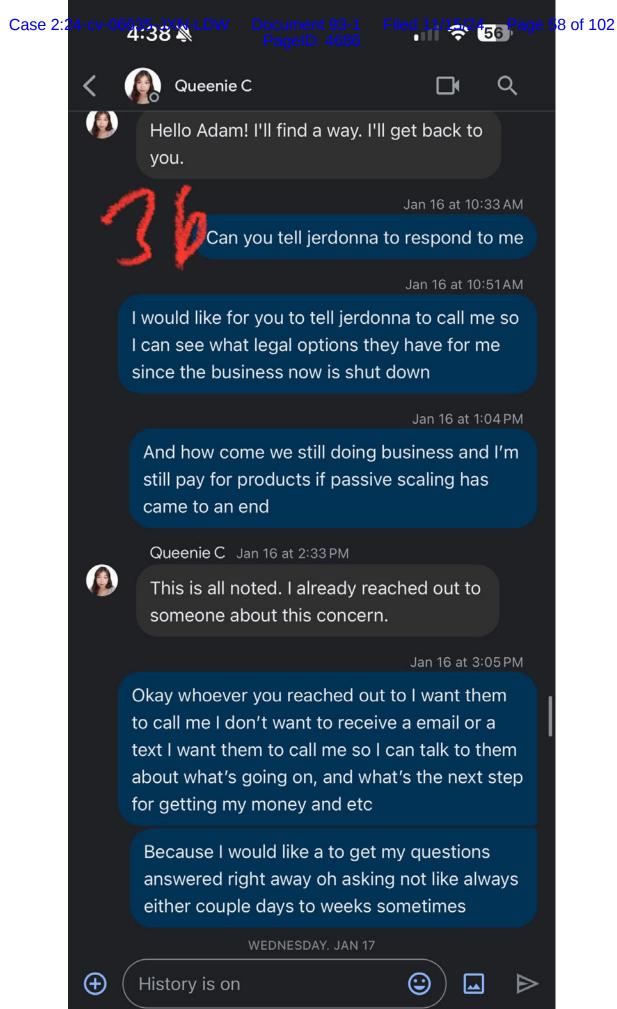


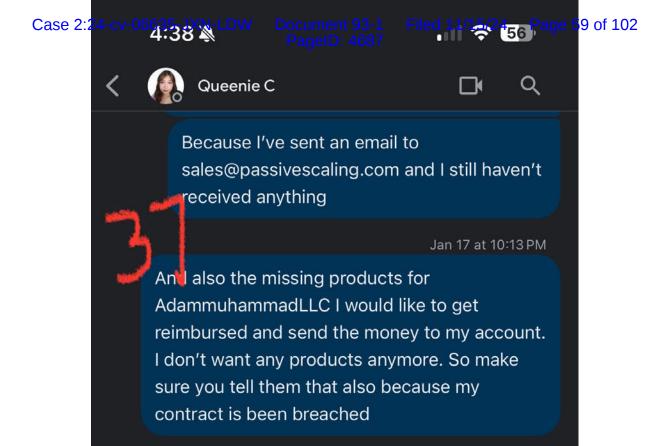










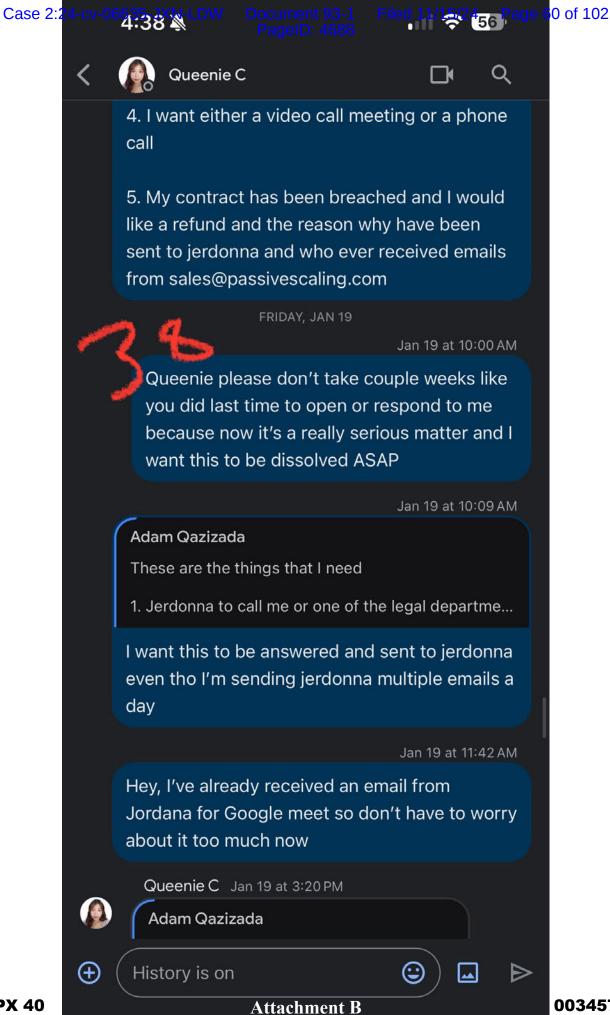


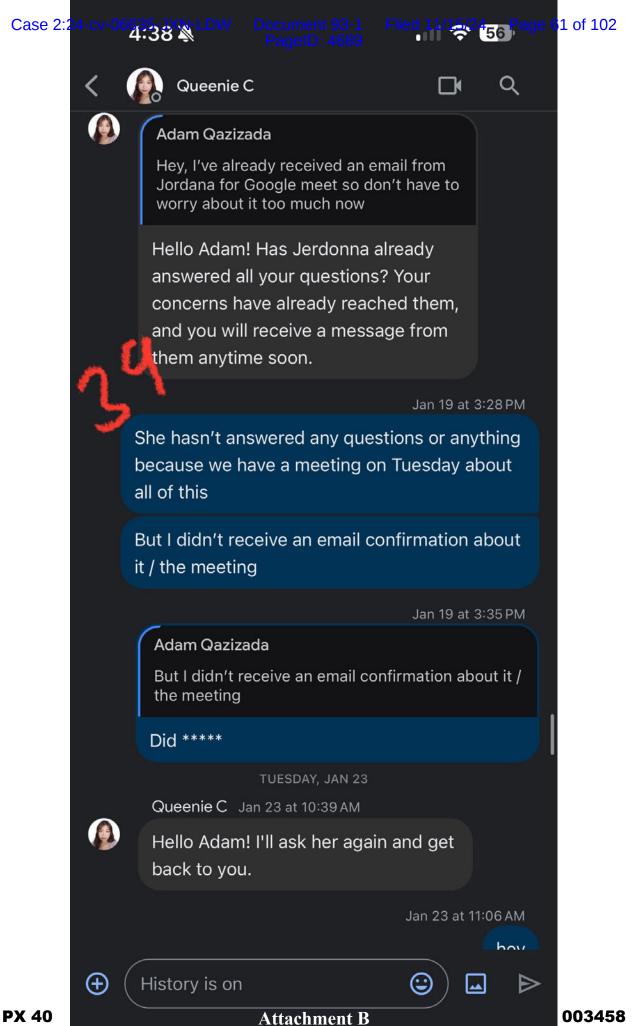
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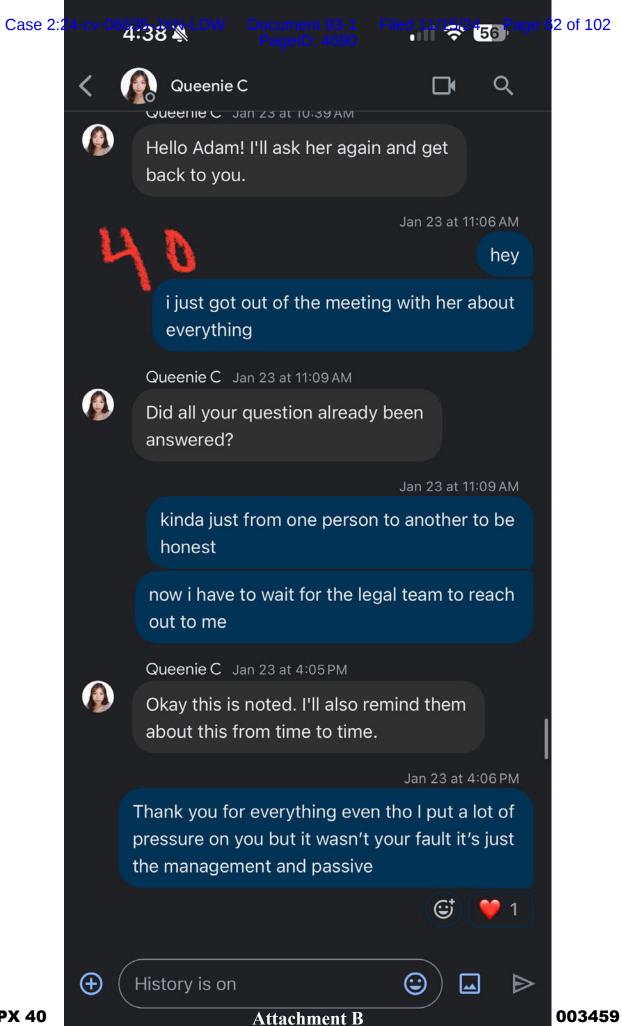
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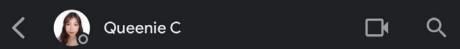
- 1. Jerdonna to call me or one of the legal department people and give me the options of refund
- 2. I want the money that I said from the missing products and shipment to get sent to me instead of buying products I want the money to be sent to my account (AdammuhammadLLC) no questions asked
- 3. I would like to get my money back from all the products that I have left in both of my stores and also the order that I made a few weeks ago













No worries; I'll do my best to help you as much as I can. I would also like to apologize that sometimes it may take a bit longer to reply back to your concern, as I also waited for their answers. They are busy at the moment, so it may take a bit of time.

Jan 23 at 4:28 PM

Yeah, the thing is that they don't reach out to you, but the thing is they're going through some stuff and they never notified me as a customer/client about what's going on which they supposed to notify me and let me know what happened with the company itself and etc. whatever happened

Jan 23 at 4:31PM

That's why right now I'm upset and mad and little bit crazy over getting a refund because they've breached the contract with not notifying me about anything that is going on with their business which is not right they were either supposed to tell me or give me a meeting or do somethingand same with Jordana she never responded to any of my emails

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Jan 24 at 3:58 PM

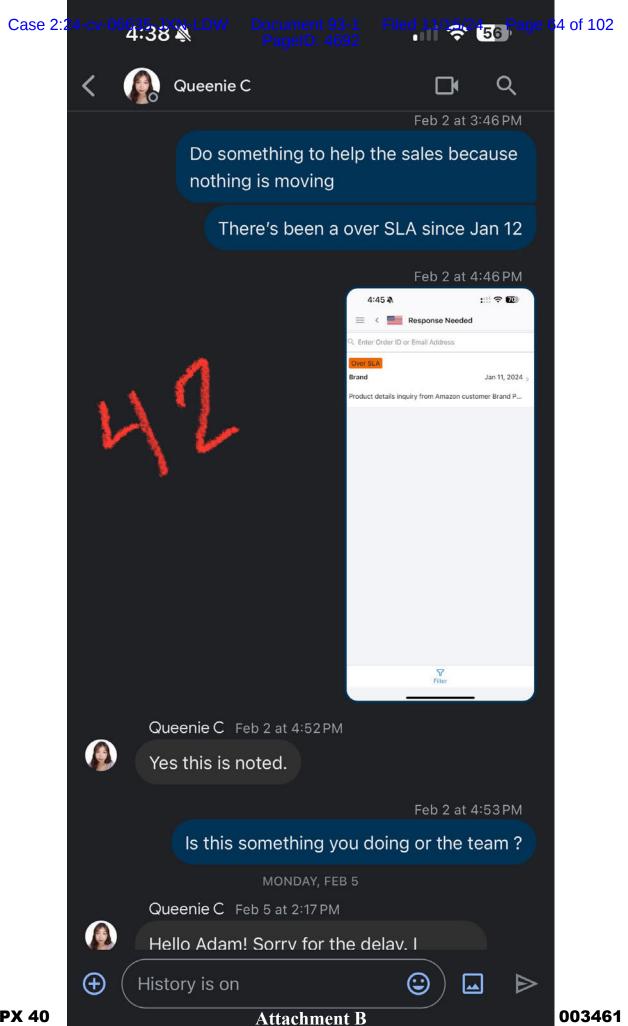
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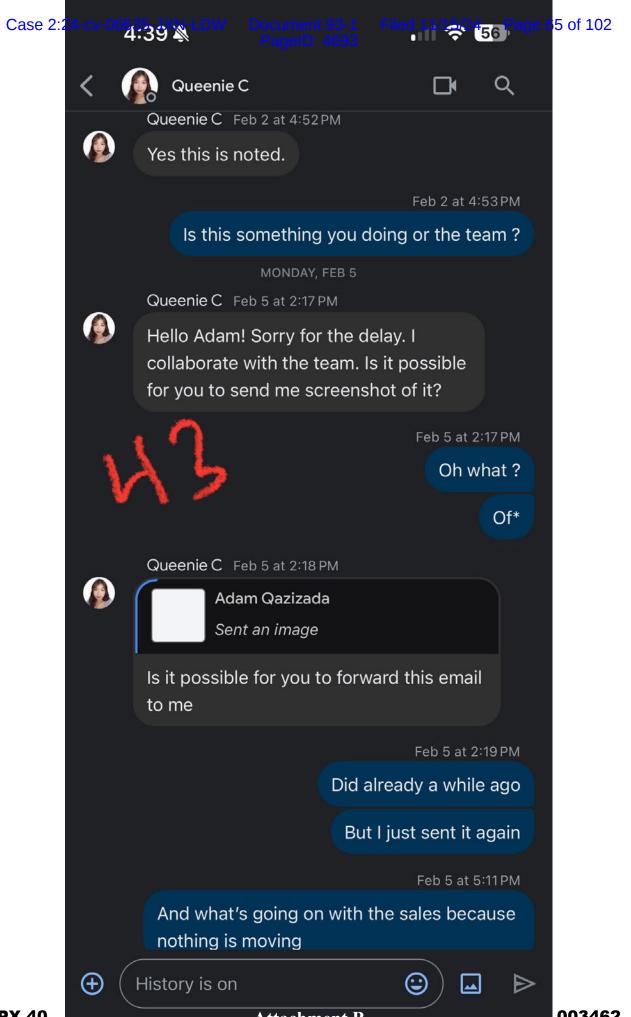
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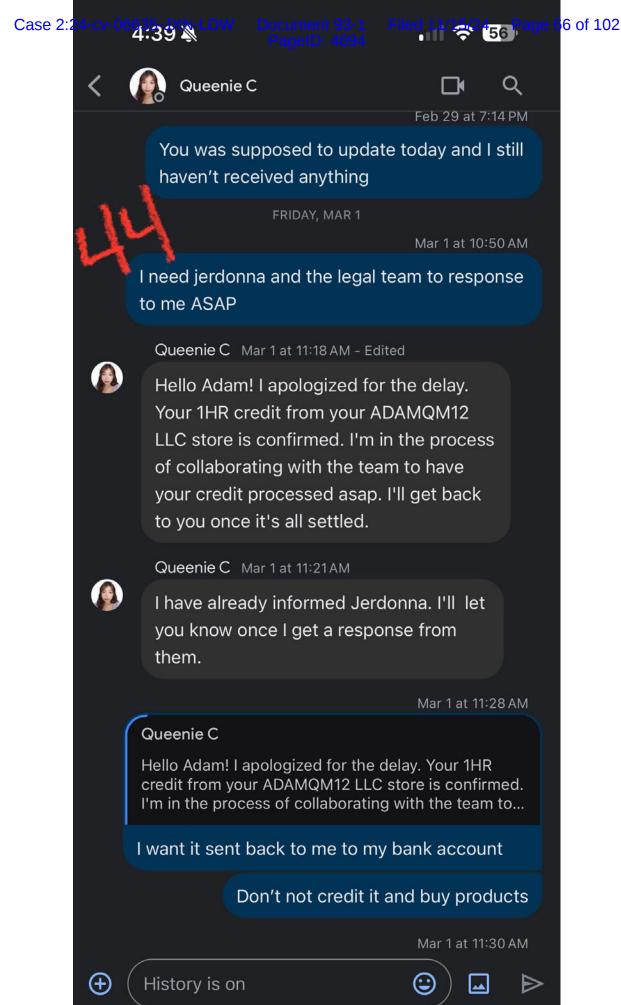


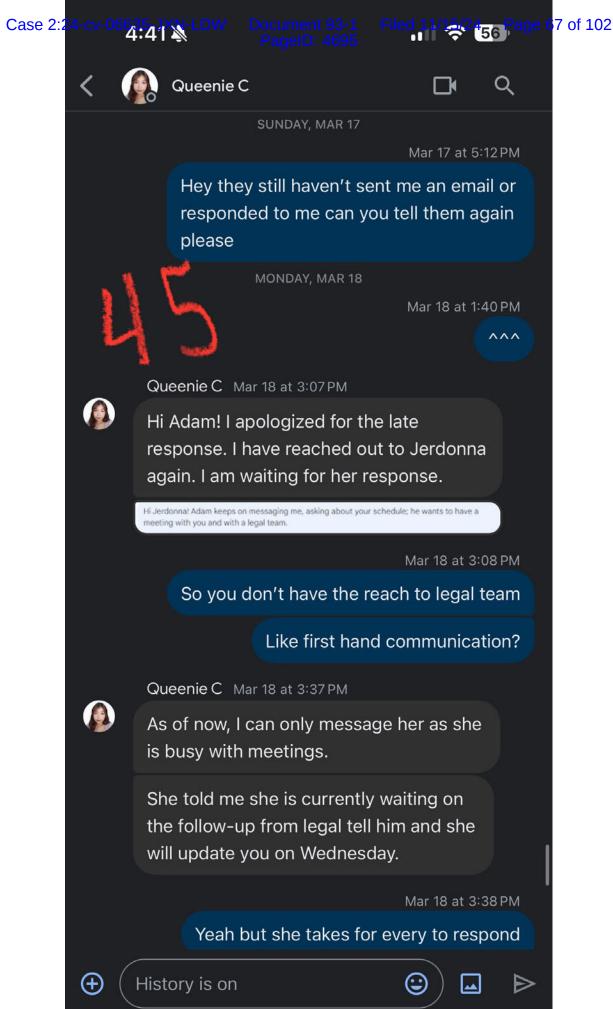


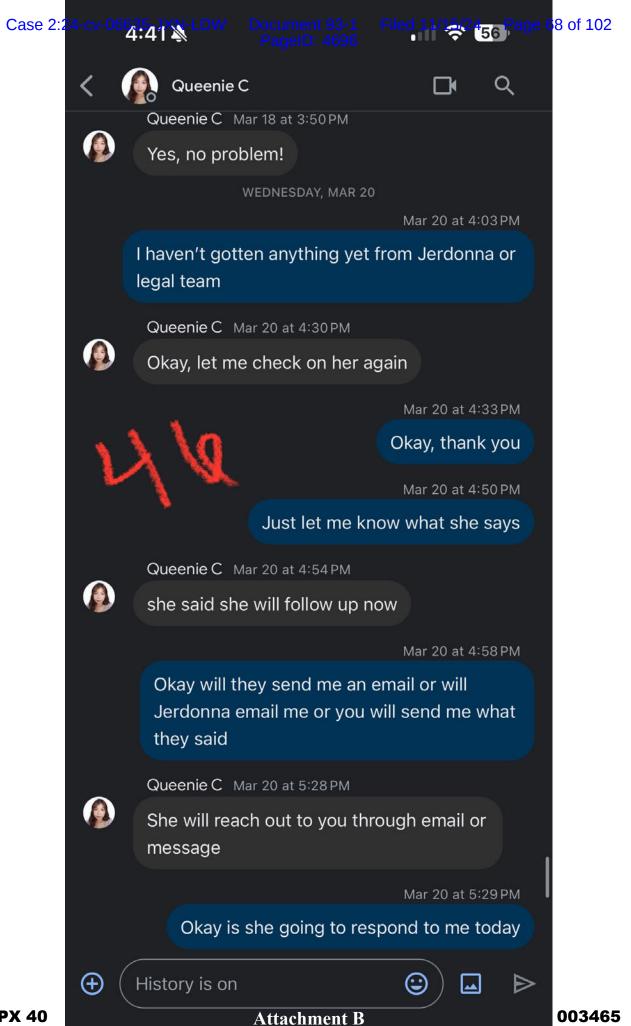


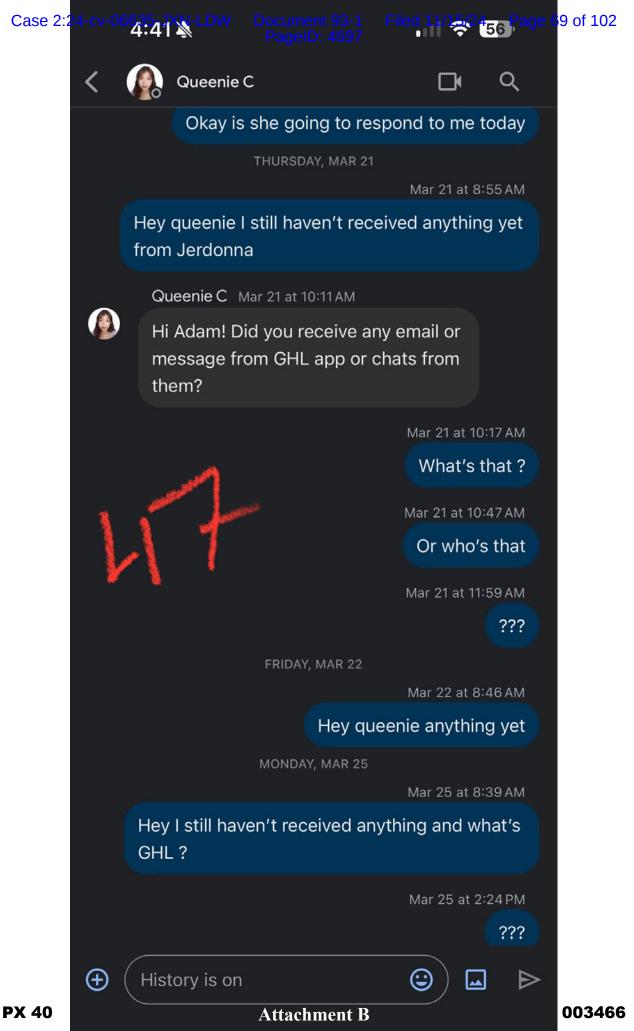


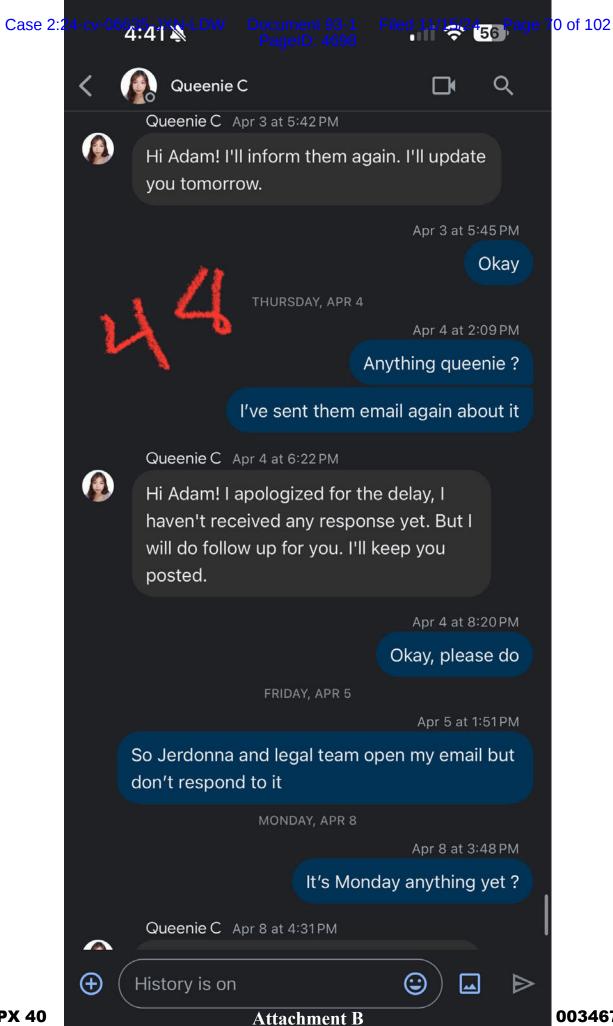


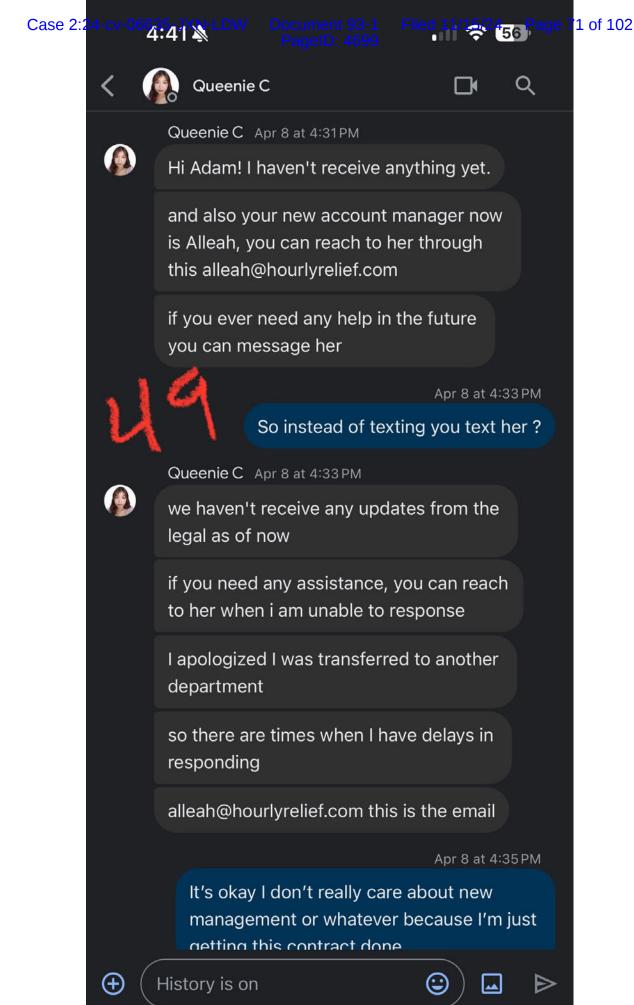


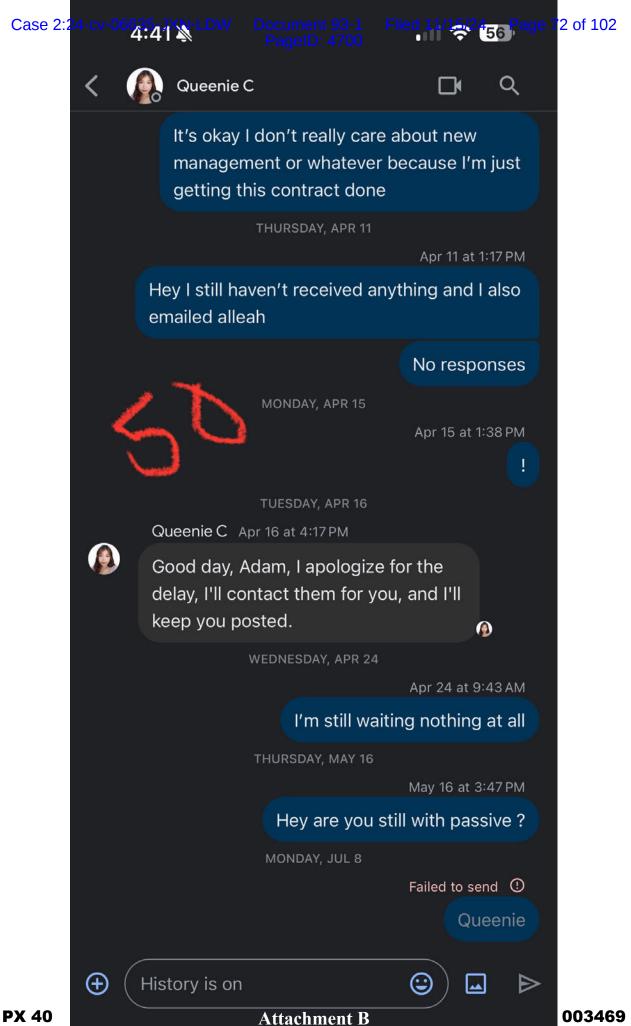


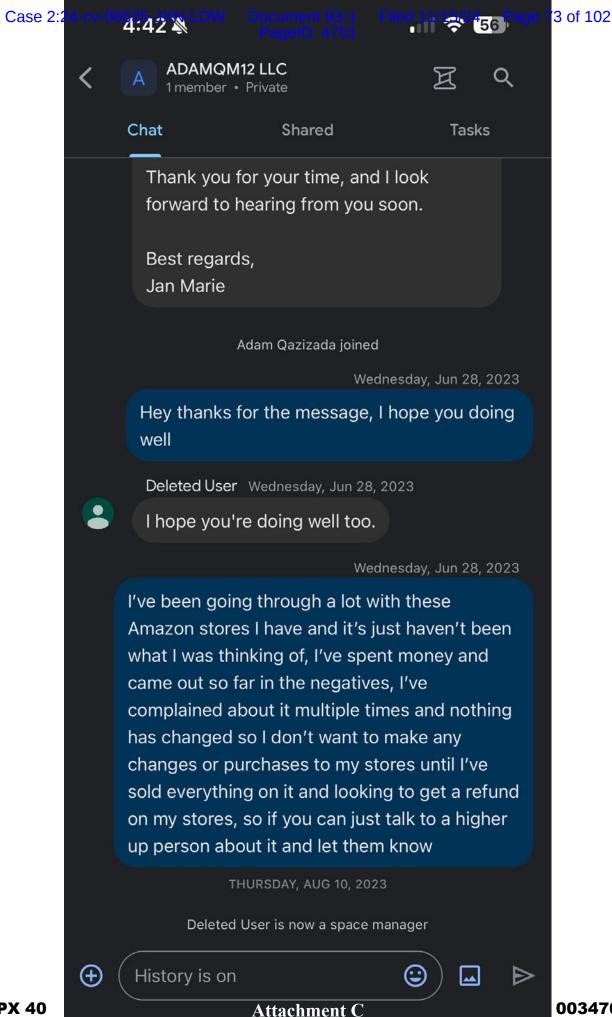












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#### Kern, Frances

From: Adam Qazizada

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:43 PM

To: Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: Your FBA Inventory

You don't often get email from

. Learn why this is important

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam Qazizada

Date: January 28, 2024 at 11:48:49 AM EST To: Queenie C <queenie@hourlyrelief.com>

Subject: Fwd: Your FBA Inventory

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amazon Services <donotreply@amazon.com>

Date: January 25, 2024 at 6:48:50 PM EST

To:

Subject: Your FBA Inventory

Reply-To: Amazon Services <donotreply@amazon.com>

### amazon

Hello AMPRO,

We are writing to follow up on the email we sent you 15 days ago regarding the authenticity of the ASIN(s) listed below in your Fulfillment By Amazon (FBA) inventory. Please reply to this email within 15 days, otherwise your inventory listed below will be destroyed in accordance with the Unsuitable Inventory Investigations Policy.

Your response should address all of the following ASIN(s):

asin	title	quantity
B000VV1QQK	Four Elements 4E LOOK, NO X MA! Skin Soothing Cream - Nourishes and Hydrates Skin - 100% Organic Herbals, 2 OZ	33

#### Why is this happening?

We are considering this action because we have determined that your inventory may be counterfeit. The sale of counterfeit products is strictly prohibited and items sold on Amazon must adhere to all applicable laws and Amazon policies.

Failure to abide by these policies may result in loss of selling privileges, funds being withheld, destruction of inventory in our fulfillment centers, and other legal consequences.

#### How do I demonstrate authenticity?

In order to demonstrate the authenticity of your inventory, please provide supply chain documents that demonstrate your inventory are genuine products. A plan of action is not necessary and there is no required format for your response. Please submit documents such

- -- Invoices and receipts. You may remove pricing information, but the rest of the document must be visible. For ease of our review, you may highlight or circle the ASINs under review.
- -- Supplier information including supplier name, supplier phone number, supplier address, and website.
  - -- Item descriptions.
  - -- Item quantities.
- -- Import or export documents such as bills of lading, commercial invoices, and packing lists.
  -- Brand letters authorizing your use of trademark, design, patent, or copyright.
  You should only send .pdf, .jpg, .png, or .gif files. These documents must be authentic and unaltered.

How do I send the required information?
Within 15 days of this notification, submit this information to <a href="mailto:inventory-appeals@amazon.com">mailto:inventory-appeals@amazon.com</a>.

What happens if I do not send the requested information?

If within 15 days we do not receive the requested information or if you are unable to demonstrate the authenticity of your products, the relevant inventory under review may be destroyed.

#### We are here to help:

If you have questions, please review the following policies on Seller Central:

-- Unsuitable inventory investigations policy at

https://sellercentral.amazon.com/gp/help/H4YYXNDRW9BSZEN

-- Amazon Anti-Counterfeiting Policy at

https://sellercentral.amazon.com/gp/help/201165970

#### Has this review been conducted in error?

- -- If you believe the products that are under review are authentic, and are permitted for sale on Amazon, please include evidence or documentation demonstrating that your account has not violated our policies listed above and we will investigate.
- -- If we confirm that your products do not violate our policies, we will release the inventory to

you upon completion of our review.

Sincerely,
Amazon Services
<a href="http://business.amazon.com/abredir">http://business.amazon.com/abredir</a>



If you have any questions visit: Seller Central

To change your email preferences visit: Notification Preferences

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#### Kern, Frances

From: Adam Qazizada

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:43 PM

To: Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: Notification: Listing(s) Subject to Geographic Sales Restriction

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. Learn why this is important

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam Qazizada

Date: January 28, 2024 at 11:49:33 AM EST To: Queenie C <queenie@hourlyrelief.com>

Subject: Fwd: Notification: Listing(s) Subject to Geographic Sales Restriction

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amazon Services <donotreply@amazon.com>

Date: January 25, 2024 at 3:04:21 PM EST

To:

Subject: Notification: Listing(s) Subject to Geographic Sales Restriction

Reply-To: Amazon Services <donotreply@amazon.com>



Dear Seller,

We are writing to inform you that the following products are restricted from sale in certain locations although they are permissible for listing on Amazon. Please see policy specific information below. You d need to take any action unless otherwise stated. In addition to all applicable federal laws and Amazon policies, you must also comply with state and local laws applicable to the locations into which your products are sold.

ASIN: B0741BCK58, SKU: 33689-PK12-7, Title: PIC Mosquito Repellent (12 Packs of 4) CIT 4, Citronel Coils

Why is this happening?

This product has been identified as an EPA 25(b)Minimum Risk Pesticide product that does not meet t requirements of a Minimum Risk Pesticide in the state of California. Please visit the California Department of Pesticide Registration's on guidance on Pesticide products exempt from registration. If you believe the decision was made in error please review the below checklist before submitting an appeal: • The produ meets all six conditions of the EPA Minimum Risk Pesticides regulation; • All images submitted for th product labeling including the ingredient list, are clearly visible and images are uploaded to the Image T All claims made on the product detail page and images comply with the terms of the product's market

minimum risk pesticide exemption. For more information, review our Seller Help Pages: https://sellercentral.amazon.com/help/hub/reference/external/202115120?ld=SDCASOADirect and https://sellercentral.amazon.com/help/hub/reference/external/GX2ZFS3DLL64ULGW?ld=SDCASOADi

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What actions do I need to take?

authorization; • The product meets California Department of Pesticide registrations conditions for

- Please see specific policy information above for any relevant actions or information that may be require to bring product into compliance.

How can I appeal for removal of geographic sales restriction?

- If you believe the product listed above should not be subject to geographic sales restriction, or you ha completed the action required in this message, please e-mail us at pars-rp-core-sellerappealstransfer@amazon.com with ASIN, relevant marketplace, and any supporting information or documentat

#### We're here to help:

If you have questions about our restricted products policy, please review: https://sellercentral.amazon.com/gp/help/external/200164330

- In our efforts to help your business succeed, we are expanding notifications that let you know about iss before they impact your ability to sell. If you have additional questions, you may contact Selling Partne Support https://sellercentral.amazon.com/cu/contact-us
  - Download iOS App at https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/amazon-seller/id794141485?mt=8

- Download Android App at https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.amazon.sellermobile.android&hl=en\_US

Thank you,

Amazon Services



If you have any questions visit: Seller Central

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From: Adam QM

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:46 PM

**To:** Kern, Frances **Subject:** Fwd: ASAP ANSWER

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

**Date:** December 11, 2023 at 8:37:07 AM EST

To: Info <info@passivescaling.com>

**Subject: Re: ASAP ANSWER** 

I have 2 stores it was a bundle package so they told me that 10k would be for both and if you can please give me my managers info so I can contact them about my questions

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- 1. One of my stores they posted products and it got a complaint from Amazon that i was using someone product or name and they took them down from my account and haven't posted anything on there and
- 2. I've asked multiple times and they said they working on it so that isn't my problem and won't be counted towards my contract right?
- 3.my other store I've been waiting almost 2 months for them to reimburse me for the lost stuff and etc and they haven't done anything yet so that also doesn't count towards my contract?
- 4. Also can you give me the refund contract date or how many months I have left?

On Dec 11, 2023, at 8:05 AM, Info <info@passivescaling.com> wrote:

Hi Adam,

The team has reviewed your questions please see the answers below.

- 1.I have a question you said if I wanted to ask for a refund I would have to wait till April of 2024.
  - Based on the contract signed once the client has completed 18 months of
    working days it means that the stores we active with inventory and actively had
    a budget and the client has not recouped their investment the team will work
    with the client to provide a remedy.
  - The client must be aware that the months that the store is without the required monthly budget are not counted toward the contract as with out a budget the team is not able to recoup the client's initial investment.
- 2. When I ask for a refund will I get to keep my stores or you'll take it?
  - Once the refund process is initiated by the client the team will provide a final break down and it will be determined at that time based on the payout amount

if it is considered as a refund or a buyback the client will be advised at that time of the status of the stores.

- 3. If it comes to one of my stores being in the negatives for revenue do you pay for that or what/ when it comes to refund?
  - The contract only covers the initial investment
  - In the refund section under section be it shows the calculation on how the refund amount is calculated.
- 4. How long will it take to get the refund?
  - Depending on the amount once the client ask for a refund the team has 30 days to provide all document and update the client on the amount once the agreement is signed payment terms will also be decided at that time
- 5. Do I need to spend 5k monthly to have my store active or just 3-5 products?
  - At present the monthly required budget for any store to be considered
    operational is a minimum of 10,000-15,000 as initially advised by the contract.
    With a lower monthly budget, the store would not be able to scale and manage
    its operation costs.
  - Additionally based on trends with Amazon a budget below 10,000 to 15000 for an aazon fba store will result in the client taking a loss if the customer initiates a return or if any item is damaged by Amazon.
- 6. If I need to spend 5k monthly how can I do that if my store hasn't made me money to spend 5k monthly?
  - the current profitability of your store depends on the already provided budget and your willingness to restock products in a timely matter
  - any other direct store retailed issue, our team will request a breakdown for you store management team to beable to speak further on this.

On Sun, Dec 10, 2023 at 9:39 AM Adam QM wrote:

- 1.I have a question you said if I wanted to ask for a refund I would have to wait till April of 2024?
- 2. When I ask for a refund will I get to keep my stores or you'll take it?
- 3. If it comes to one of my stores being in the negatives for revenue do you pay for that or what/ when it comes to refund?
- 4. How long will it take to get the refund?
- 5. Do I need to spend 5k monthly to have my store active or just 3-5 products in my store?
- 6. If I need to spend 5k monthly how can I do that if my store hasn't made me money to spend 5k monthly?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Adam QM

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:46 PM

To: Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: ASAP ANSWERS !!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

Date: December 13, 2023 at 8:19:37 PM EST

To: Info <info@passivescaling.com>
Subject: Re: ASAP ANSWERS !!

Okay thanks because even since I've signed that contract I've had over 5-10 new managers and etc, and I've tried contacting my old manager and it showed that the email isn't available anymore so I don't even know who's my manager or anything nobody sent me an email saying they're my new manger so alot of problems with passive scaling to be honest

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2023, at 12:42 PM, Info <info@passivescaling.com> wrote:

Hello Adam,

Questions 1-3 have been set to the store management team to provide a response by the end of the week.

As for the question for the final date depends on the current status of the store once confirm we will provide an update

On Wed, Dec 13, 2023 at 11:14 AM Adam QM

wrote

I have 2 stores it was a bundle package so they told me that 10k would be for both and if you can please give me my managers info so I can contact them about my questions

- 1. One of my stores they posted products and it got a complaint from Amazon that i was using someone product or name and they took them down from my account and haven't posted anything on there and 2. I've asked multiple times and they said they working on it so that isn't my problem and won't be counted towards my contract right?
- 3.my other store I've been waiting almost 2 months for them to reimburse me for the lost stuff and etc and they haven't done anything yet so that also doesn't count towards my contract?
- 4. Also can you give me the refund contract date or how many months I have left?

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Adam QI	M
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Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:49 PM

**To:** Kern, Frances **Subject:** Fwd: Refund

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

**Date:** February 20, 2024 at 11:14:12 AM EST **To:** Legal <a href="mailto:legal@passivescaling.com">legal@passivescaling.com</a>

Subject: Re: Refund

Hey a reminder I've been emailing you guys for weeks and you guys are ignoring me and not responding to me like you guys said, where's my refund !!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2024, at 11:59 AM, Adam QM wrote:

Feb 8th and I still haven't received a response from you guys and I'm still waiting

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 12:11 PM Adam QM wrote:
I'm still waiting on a response from you guys I will keep emailing you until I hear back from you, because I was given a date couple times and nothing till now, what kind of legal team is this where you give me a date for when I'm going hear back about my

refund and miss it twice and I've sent around 6 emails for 6 days and nothing this isn't

how you guys do business and call yourselves a legal team!

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 12:35 PM Adam QM wrote: It's Tuesday the 6th and I still haven't received anything yet from you guys, loved how you emailed me so professionally and gave me a date etc in the first email and now not even responding to my emails and sent me anything about my refund, hopefully hear back from you soon!!

Sender notified by Mailtrack

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 10:13 AM Adam QM wrote:

It's Monday the 5th of February I haven't received anything about my refund when I was suppose to get it on the 1st feb and also 30th of January, I would like to hear from you guys today !!
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 31, 2024, at 9:49 AM, Adam QM wrote:

Thank you for the update. I understand that the updates have been pushed back to February 1st and that you will make an effort to get them sent out by the end of the business day.

I appreciate your communication. Please let me know if there are any further updates because I would like to get this process over with and get my refund ASAP.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 31, 2024, at 9:30 AM, Legal < legal@passivescaling.com > wrote:

Hello Adam,

Apologies for the detail,

All updates have been pushed back to February 1st

We will try to get them sent out by the end of the business day

On Wed, Jan 31, 2024 at 12:01 AM Adam QM

wrote:

Hey my name is Adam
Muhammad and I'm
sending this email
because I was suppose to
get an email back about
my refund on January
30th but haven't so

# hopefully I would be receiving it today Jan 31st

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2024, at 9:22 AM, Legal <a href="mailto:legal@passivescaling.com">legal@passivescaling.com</a> wrote:

Hello Adam QM,

This email is to confirm that we have received your request for a refund.

The following are details important to the processing of your refund:

- The team consists of 3
   lawyers who are
   assigned to review each
   customer's case, 2
   members of the
   company finances team,
   and 2 external parties
   who assist with the
   decision-making process.
- At present, 6 requests have to be completed before we can review your request. (all requests are handled in the order they are received)
- The team meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Once your request is reviewed we send you a follow-up email to advise that the review has been completed and an estimated time frame on the next steps of the process.

We will email you on January 30th, with additional details on the request and how you have been

assigned to. Please wait for the provided date before you request a follow-up as sending multiple requests will only delay the process.

We will reach out to you before that date if any additional details are required on your part. Please also be advised that we only address refund-related concerns any other concerns are outside of our scope and encourage communication with your point of contact at Passive Scaling.

On Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 11:22 AM Adam QM

wrote:

Hey my name is Adam Muhammad i have 2 stores with passive scaling which are AdamMuhammadLLC and Adamqm12LLC, my contract has came to an end and also breach the contract because of not being notified about what happened and what's going on with passive scaling, i've was never notified about passive scaling stop taking new clients, and how for literally months and months of waiting for the team which i don't even know whos my management team, i've been waiting for them to reimburse me for the missing products and i still haven't received the money back nor an email about it, i tried calling all the numbers from what i had from passive scaling all disconnected and email not working also, so i had to take it on my own hands to find steven and when i spoke to him he told me everything about what's going on and how its only one email to get in contact with jerdonna which right there as a customer/investor i was supposed to be notified about what's going on and what's happening and giving emails or numbers that still work.

So things that im having/had problems with still currently going on

on 1. Been waiting for months to get reimbursed from one of my stores which now only has 2 products in it and I've asked multiple times from queenie and she tells me that she's reached out but they haven't given her anything back and how they are working on it but it's been around 3-4 months 2. from Adamqm12LLC they sent me emails and notice about products they im using and it's now OVER SLA and nothing has happened or fixed 3. How Passive scaling stop accepting new client/ customer and how you guys are going through all these problems that steven told me and all the emails and numbers are disconnected and how i can get a hold of some which right there breaches the contract because i wasn't notified about what's going with you guys, because if i never get a hold of steven i would've never know what's going on and how nobody is responding to me or taking care of my stores 4. lack of communication, never notified about anything, not getting my monthly recons

So for those reasons i would like

to get a refund

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From: Adam QM

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:48 PM

To: Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: Refund follow up

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

Date: February 8, 2024 at 12:02:51 PM EST

To: Jerdonna P < jerdonna@hourlyrelief.com>

Subject: Re: Refund follow up

Jerdonna anything yet I still haven't gotten anything from them yet what's going on?

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 12:36 PM Adam QM wrote:

So you going to just open my emails and not respond to me?

Like what kind of communication skills do you guys have, I have been emailing you guys and nothing is even happening?

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 10:43 AM Adam QM wrote:

I've sent them 5 emails and still no response, they gave me a specific date and they missed it twice and now nothing what kind of legal team is this, I would like a response from ASAP about my refund

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 10:31 AM Adam QM wrote: I still haven't received anything from them, what's going on?

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 12:36 PM Adam QM wrote:

I still have not heard anything from them or you and i also just emailed them again



On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 1:05 PM Jerdonna P < <u>jerdonna@hourlyrelief.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Adam

let me do a follow up on that for you



On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 12:07 PM Adam QM

Hey jerdonna legal team haven't responded to me and they told me they gonna reach out to me on January 30th and didn't and then I sent an email and they told me it's moved to February 1st and ever since then till today nothing Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2024, at 11:22 AM, Adam QM

wrote:

i just sent it to them

On Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 10:40 AM Jerdonna P < jerdonna@hourlyrelief.com > wrote:

Please email legal@passivescaling.com with your request for a refund please include your reason for refu singed copy of your contact they will provide next steps.

Join with Google Meet

#### Meeting link

meet.google.com/kwf-awxx-fqa

#### Join by phone

(US) +1 302-549-4750

PIN: 809505446

More phone numbers

## Refund follow up

Tuesday Jan 23, 2024 · 10:30am – 11am (Eastern Standard Time - Jamaica)

Guests

Jerdonna P - organizer

From: Adam QM

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:49 PM

**To:** Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: ASAP ANSWER

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

Date: March 4, 2024 at 11:34:37 AM EST

To: Info <info@passivescaling.com>

**Subject: Re: ASAP ANSWER** 

Where is my response about my refund

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 19, 2023, at 8:35 AM, Info <info@passivescaling.com> wrote:

We will follow up again with the team when there are in at 9:30 am est

On Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 8:28 PM Adam QM wrote:
I still haven't received anything yet from my store manager/ management about what's going on and it's already Monday and I was supposed to get a response last week!
Sent from my iPhone

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## **Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims**

This Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims dated February 8, 2022 (the "Agreement") is made between **Adam Muhammad** ("Client"), with a place of business (or) and Passive Scaling Inc. residence at ("Passive"), a company registered in the State of New Jersey. Client and Passive are sometimes referred to herein individually as a Party and collectively as the Parties. This Agreement is effective as of the date it is signed by the last Party to sign it, as indicated by the date next to such Party's signature ("Effective Date").

Whereas, the Parties, entered into an agreement executed on February 8, 2022 (the "Contract"), a copy of which is attached hereto], pursuant to which Passive agreed to perform certain services to manage Amazon and/or Walmart online storefronts for Client as more fully set forth in the Contract.

WHEREAS, to avoid the expense and uncertainty of further litigation, the Parties have agreed to settle as between themselves pursuant to the following terms. The Parties have agreed to settle said disputes and differences with respect to the Contract (the "Dispute") by executing this mutual Settlement Agreement and Release.

Whereas, the Parties recognize that by the execution of this mutual Settlement Agreement and Release, they are relinquishing their respective legal rights with respect to the aforementioned Contract.

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

> 1. Consideration. Client acknowledges and agrees that it has received good, valuable and sufficient consideration for executing this Release. In particular, upon execution of this release by Client, Passive shall enroll Client in the Repayment Fund until Client receives \$15,000 USD (the "Settlement Amount") as explained in Section 2 of this Agreement. Client acknowledges and agrees that it will not be entitled to and shall not assert any claim for any additional amount from Passive other than the payment to be made hereunder. Client agrees that it will not seek anything further, directly or indirectly, for itself or any person, corporation, partnership or other entity, including any other payment or consideration, with respect to the Dispute and the claims released pursuant to this Agreement. Client shall be solely responsible for any and all taxes that may be owed to any federal, state, or local taxing authority as a result of the settlement payment received under this Agreement.

- 2. Repayment Fund. Client acknowledges and agrees that it shall receive the Settlement Amount pursuant to its participation in the Repayment Fund. The Repayment Fund is set up to provide the Settlement Amount for all parties who have requested a refund with Passive. Each month Passive will take the total amount of money in the Repayment Fund and distribute it equally among the participants of the Repayment Fund. The Repayment Fund shall be sourced from the profits of 3PL Logistics, a warehousing company whose principal place of business is in New Jersey. Client acknowledges and understands that 3PL Logistics is an unaffiliated entity owned by an officer of Passive. Nothing in this Agreement establishes any relationship, obligation or promise between Client and 3PL Logistics. 3PL Logistics is referenced herein solely to the extent necessary to establish the parameters in which Passive shall place money into the Repayment Fund.
  - a. Each month, starting on January 30, 2024, Passive shall place 10% of the monthly profits of 3PL Logistics into the Repayment Fund. Passive shall additionally provide a monthly Profit and Loss Statement so that the Client can have insight into the monthly amount being placed into the fund by Passive. The client understands that the amount being placed into the Repayment Fund is subject to change from month to month. A payment could be much higher or lower from one month to another.
  - b. The client will receive their first payment from the fund 30 days after signing this agreement. The payments will continue monthly until the sum mentioned under Consideration (USD 15,000) is paid in full.
  - c. The Clinet will receive a minimum of USD 500 or a maximum of USD **2,500** per month
- 3. **Release.** Client and Passive do hereby release, cancel, and forever discharge the other Party and its directors, officers, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, complaints, causes of action, demands, damages, obligations, liabilities, losses, promises, agreements, controversies, penalties, expenses, and executions of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, actual or potential, whether arising in law or in equity, which each Party may have, may have had, or may in the future obtain, arising out of or relating out of the acts, omissions, agreements, or events relating in any manner to the Contract and the Dispute (the "Release").
- 4. Effect. This Release is intended to be a general release in the broadest form. It is understood and agreed that the Parties hereby expressly waive any and all laws and statutes, of all jurisdictions whatsoever, which may provide that a general release does not extend to claims not known or suspected to exist at the time of executing a release which if known would have materially affected the decision to

give said release. It is expressly intended and agreed that this Release does, in fact, extend to such unknown and unsuspected claims related to anything which has happened to the date hereof which is covered by this Release, even if knowledge thereof would have materially affected the decision to give this Release. In addition, the Parties warrant and represent to the other that the execution and delivery of this Release does not, and with the passage of time will not, violate any obligation of the Party to any third party. Each Party further represents and warrants that it has not assigned any of its rights with respect to the Dispute and the Contract to any other party.

- 5. **No Admission.** Client and Passive expressly agree and acknowledge that this Release represents the settlement and compromise of disputed claims, and that by entering into this Agreement neither Party hereto admits or acknowledges the existence of any liability, obligation, or wrongdoing on its part. Each Party expressly denies any and all liability with respect to the Dispute. Client understands that they are being provided this settlement offer even if they might not otherwise be entitled to a refund under their Contract with Passive in the interest of avoiding further litigation.
- 6. **Independent Legal Counsel.** The Parties acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to consult with independent legal counsel regarding the legal effect of this Agreement and the Release and that each Party enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily.
- 7. **Who is Bound.** Each Party is bound by this Agreement. Any person or corporation, partnership or other entity which succeeds to a Party's rights and responsibilities is also bound. This Agreement is made for the benefit of the Parties, their past, present and future officers, directors, shareholders, employees, and agents, and the Parties' affiliates and subsidiaries, and all who succeed to their rights and responsibilities, as well as any successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 8. **Governing Law; Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, notwithstanding its choice of law provisions. The Parties agree that any claims or legal actions by one Party against the other to enforce the terms of this Agreement or concerning any rights under this Agreement shall be commenced and maintained in any state court located in the State of New Jersey.
- 9. **Confidentiality.** The Parties agree to keep confidential all the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as well as all negotiations and discussions leading up to this Agreement.
- 10. **Reformation/Severability.** If any court determines that any term of this Agreement is excessive in duration or scope or is unreasonable or unenforceable under the applicable laws, it is the intention of the Parties that such restriction may be modified or amended by the court to render it enforceable to the

maximum extent permitted by the applicable laws. In the event that any portion, word, clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph of this Agreement is declared void or unenforceable by any court, tribunal or arbiter of competent jurisdiction, the Parties mutually agree that such portion shall be considered severable and separable from the remainder, and the validity of the remainder of the Agreement shall remain unaffected, including the releases set forth hereinabove, and shall remain binding and enforceable.

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- 11. No Active Lawsuits. Client understands that in signing this Agreement, Client agrees to discontinue and refrain from initiating any lawsuits related to the Dispute and the Contract within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement. Client further agrees to leave no Bad Reviews (Meaning any post, public writing, message, statement, report or complaint that is derogatory or damages the reputation of Passive and its directors, officers, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, and representatives) against Passive and its directors, officers, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, and representatives. If Client has already left a Bad Review, Client agrees to take it down within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreement. Client acknowledges that the failure to meet its obligations under this section shall be deemed a default under this Agreement and Client would waive its rights and entitlement to payment from the Settlement Fund.
- 12. Fees and Expenses. Each Party hereto shall bear its own fees and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the Dispute, this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- 13. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument, without necessity of production of the others. An executed signature page delivered via facsimile transmission or electronic signature shall be deemed as effective as an original executed signature page.
- 14. Waiver. No waiver of any term or right in this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing, signed by an authorized representative of the waiving Party. The failure of either Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or modification of such provision, or impairment of its right to enforce such provision or any other provision of this Agreement thereafter.
- 15. No Negative Interpretation: This Agreement embodies the arms-length negotiation and mutual agreement between the Parties and shall not be construed against either party as having been drafted by such party. As such, the Parties further agree that this Agreement has been jointly drafted, so that in the event any portion, word, clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph of the Agreement is deemed ambiguous, said ambiguity shall not be construed against either of the Parties.

Each of the Parties acknowledges that it: (i) has read this Agreement and fully understands the contents and legal effects thereof; (ii) has been given a reasonable amount of time to consider this settlement; (iii) has been advised by counsel as to the meaning and implications of this Agreement or has voluntarily waived procurement of counsel; and (iv) desires to enter into this Agreement and is doing so voluntarily and without coercion.

- 16. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement sets forth the entire and complete understanding and agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof including, but not limited to the settlement of all disputes and claims with respect to [the Contract and] the Dispute, and supersedes any and all other prior agreements or discussions, whether oral, written, electronic or otherwise, relating to the subject matter hereunder. Any additions or modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties. The Parties acknowledge and agree that they are not relying upon any representations or statements made by the other Party or the other Party's employees, agents, representatives or attorneys regarding this Agreement, except to the extent such representations are expressly set forth herein.
- 17. **Successors.** This Settlement Agreement is binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the Parties, and inures to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of the Parties.
- 18. **Further Documents.** The parties agree to execute any further documents, instruments and agreements reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms and intentions of this Settlement Agreement
- 19. **Headings.** The headings in this Settlement Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect its construction.
- **20. Authority to Bind.** By signing below the Parties represent that the signatories are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of themselves and/or their respective business entities and that the execution and delivery of this Agreement are the duly authorized and binding acts of their respective businesses.

<signature page follows>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have each caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first set out above.

PASSIVE SCALING, INC.

By:	By:
Title:	Title:
Dated:	Dated:

From: Adam QM

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:49 PM

**To:** Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: Important Update: Settlement Offer and Refund Process Details for Adam M

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

**Date:** April 3, 2024 at 4:08:30 PM EDT **To:** Legal Legal@passivescaling.com>

Subject: Re: Important Update: Settlement Offer and Refund Process Details for Adam M

It's been almost a month and still no response can you guys please fix the contract and send it so I can sign the contract and get this done with already and also a meeting with you guys!!

On Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 5:01 PM Adam QM > wrote:

Hey thanks for finally getting back to me there's a few misspelling on the contract that i want you guys to fix, and also would like to see why is it just 15,000, and would like to get a better amount then that because of what i've been through with passive scaling and for breach of contract, and would like to make a meeting with the legal team just to discuss stuff that only you guys can answer.

Best regards, Adam



On Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 8:03 PM Legal < legal@passivescaling.com> wrote: Dear Adam M,

I hope this email finds you well. We appreciate your patience throughout the refund process. We are pleased to inform you that a settlement offer has been prepared for your refund request with Passives Scaling INC.

#### **Settlement Offer:**

Upon reviewing your case and in accordance with the terms outlined in your contract, we are pleased to extend a settlement offer to you. The details of the settlement offer have been outlined in the attached document. We kindly request you to review the offer thoroughly. If you agree with the terms, we require your prompt response and the necessary documentation to initiate the refund process.

Wire Transfer Details:

To facilitate the refund process, we kindly request you to provide us with your wire transfer details. Please reply to this email with your complete banking information, including the bank name, account number, and routing number, to ensure a smooth and secure transaction.

#### **Monthly Fund Statements:**

We would like to assure you that transparency is a priority for us. As part of our commitment to keeping you informed, we will provide you with monthly statements detailing the status of the fund. These statements will include the progress of your refund request and any relevant updates regarding the process.

#### **Exclusive Refund Process:**

Due to the current status of the company, this wire transfer process is the designated method for refund disbursements. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. Rest assured, we are dedicated to ensuring a seamless experience for you.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding throughout this process. Your patience is invaluable, and we are here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at via email.

Once you have reviewed the settlement offer and are ready to proceed, please let us know, and we can discuss the next steps, including the waiver process.

Thank you again for your cooperation. We look forward to resolving this matter to your satisfaction.

Warm regards, Legal, Passives Scaling INC

From: Adam QM

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 1:50 PM

**To:** Kern, Frances

**Subject:** Fwd: SETTLEMENT ASAP

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam QM

Date: May 29, 2024 at 5:52:47 PM EDT

To: Jerdonna < jerdonna@passivescaling.com>

**Subject: Re: SETTLEMENT ASAP** 

And if I don't get any payment this week then what?

On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 5:49 PM Jerdonna < <u>jerdonna@passivescaling.com</u>> wrote: Asking legal

bu i added you to the payment this for this week

On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 5:48 PM Adam QM wrote:

Yes it is, and also where's the updated corrected Agreement?

On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 5:47 PM Jerdonna < <a href="mailto:jerdonna@passivescaling.com">jerdonna@passivescaling.com</a>> wrote: Is is a checking account

On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 5:43 PM Adam QM wrote: Adam Q Muhammad

On Wed, May 29, 2024 at 5:40 PM Jerdonna < <u>jerdonna@passivescaling.com</u> > wrote: Hi Adam

Please provide me with the full name on the account so that we can send the first payment

On Wed, May 22, 2024 at 9:26 AM Adam QM wrote

Hey, how you doing? I'm sending this message out to let you guys know that I still have not received the correct agreement contract. If you guys can send me that and I've already sent my detail info for my bank and I will also put it on this email just in case, I would like to get the settlement as soon as possible so I can sign it and get this over with, but please make sure that it's already signed before sending it and also what's the next steps and what he wavier process??

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